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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Fauci is facing intense pressure

GOP lawmakers push for the 85-year-old doctor to be jailed

BY DAN DIAMOND

Anthony Fauci didn't know Rand Paul had his diary, let alone that the GOP senator was going to release it, his friends said.

So last Saturday — after the Kentucky lawmaker had publicly shared years of Fauci's private reflections, on everything from fighting covid-19 to attending "A-List" events — Fauci went to another party.

There, at a birthday celebration for former White House chief of staff Ron Klain, Fauci mingled with friends and former Biden administration colleagues. They cheered and toasted him, apparently unaware that his critics were combing through documents that would kick off one of the most fraught weeks of his decades-long career.

For a few hours, Fauci was back inside a familiar Washington.

Then reality intruded. His longtime critics now control congressional committees, the health agencies where he spent his career and the Justice Department that could ultimately decide whether to prosecute him. After years of promising to hold Fauci accountable for the government's pandemic response, they are flexing their power to try.

The past week offered the clearest glimpse yet of what that reckoning could look like.

Last Monday, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime Fauci foe, bragged about his department's months-long efforts to scour 11 government servers to reassemble Fauci's diary and turn it over to Paul. On Wednesday, Fauci faced hours of questions from Paul and fellow Republican senators at a congressional hearing Fauci and his allies believe was designed to entrap him. He invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify more than 100 times.

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Fires lead to tragedy in Greece

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A fireman runs to extinguish a fire in an olive grove in Zachouli, Greece, on Sunday. Two crew members were killed when firefighting helicopters collided near Athens as Europe's wildfire emergency rages on. **Story, A11**

Deported, detained — then lost in the earthquakes

Immigrants sent by ICE to Venezuela were held in building that collapsed

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ AND MARÍA LUISA PAÚL

Juan Carlos Villegas Castillo spent years casting nets into the Caribbean off Venezuela's eastern coast. When the sea could no longer provide enough to support his five children, he crossed the Darién Gap and found construction work in Chicago. He was given permission to temporarily live and work in the United States, his family said, and hoped to return to Venezuela to build a house and buy a boat of his own.

Eduardo José Osal Mujica never wanted to make the United States his home. But economic hardship and growing political pressure pushed the former Venezuelan police officer to leave his wife and young son behind. He crossed nine countries, a jungle and a river to find work and seek asylum, knowing he'd be branded a traitor if he ever returned.

Richard José Pereira Amesty was granted humanitarian parole after trekking through Central America and Mexico with his wife and young son. They settled in Tennessee and were awaiting an asylum hearing when federal immigration officers told them they had to leave voluntarily as a family or be separated by detention.

This spring, each man's plans unraveled in a sudden, similar way. Federal officers detained them during routine check-ins with immigration authorities, traffic stops and raids as part of the Trump administration's mass deportation campaign. On June 24, they were shackled and placed aboard a plane back to Venezuela.

Across the South American nation, relatives prepared to welcome them home. Some bought balloons. Some cooked favorite meals. Others got in their cars and headed to greet the deportees when they landed at Simón Bolívar International Airport.

But there were no reunions that day. Instead, Venezuelan officials loaded the group of 146 deportees — including 19 women and seven children — onto buses and drove them to Hotel Santuario La Llanada, a secluded government facility perched on a hillside in the coastal state of La Guaira. Hours later, two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela in what now ranks as one of nation's deadliest natural disasters on record. More than 5,500 people were killed, nearly 17,000 were injured and the United Nations estimates that upward of 50,000 are still missing.

The four-story building where the immigrants were being kept toppled into a pile of broken concrete, twisted metal and dust.

Neither the Venezuelan government nor the Trump administration has publicly released a complete passenger manifest. Nor have officials explained why deportees were taken into custody by the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN), the state security agency that has been accused of human rights violations, and what happened to them.

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Trump says he voided strikes

CITES REQUEST FROM GULF ALLIES

President pursues talks with Iran

BY MOHAMAD EL CHAMAA, LIOR SOROKA, AMY B WANG AND SAMMY WESTFALL

President Donald Trump said Sunday that the United States and Iran are returning to negotiations. "It begins tomorrow afternoon. We'll see," he said.

Trump said he had canceled planned strikes this weekend at the request of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — in addition to Iran — and they urged him instead to pursue talks with Tehran.

"They think there's a deal," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One as he traveled back to Washington from his golf club in New Jersey. "There's a deal on Hormuz, and then there will be a deal on the nuclear or you might call it the denuclearization of Iran."

Iranian officials said Sunday they were close to finalizing a deal with Oman to reopen passage through the Strait of Hormuz,the narrow international waterway that flows between them in the Persian Gulf.

Trump officials have said in recent weeks that they were talking to Tehran behind the scenes even as attacks continued,assertions that Iran has repeatedly denied. Regional mediators have said they were passing messages between them.

Since the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran on Feb. 28, Trump has been mired in an unpopular war with no end in sight.

The fresh round of talks are the latest effort to end hostilities and follow the collapse of a ceasefire and memorandum of understanding signed in mid-June.

At least 18 U.S. service mem-

SEE **IRAN** ON **A11**

In hometown, residents are sharply divided on Jackson

Maine Democratic Senate candidate touts his rural appeal to mixed response

BY ALEXEI KOSEFF

ALLAGASH, MAINE — Wayne McBreairty arrived at the town office here one recent morning on a mission.

Sporting a black Troy Jackson for Maine baseball cap, he clutched a sheet of notepad paper scrawled with a message: "Congratulations Troy Jackson on your Nomination to run for Election to the U.S. Senate."

It was the notice that McBreairty, a longtime supporter of Maine Democrats' newly installed replacement Senate nominee, hoped officials in Jackson's tiny hometown would add to the digital sign outside their tiny municipal building.

"Win or lose, that's my highlight of politics, that a friend of mine could potentially be a U.S. senator," McBreairty said, momentarily choked with emotion.

Inside her office, Allagash's town manager sat writing checks. Nola Begin is no fan of Jackson, who she says didn't do enough to help their struggling community as he rose through the political ranks over two decades to become president of the Maine Senate.

Three years ago, they clashed when Jackson ran unsuccessfully for the position Begin now holds. She couldn't understand why one of the most powerful politicians in the state wanted the job at all.

"We have functions in this community that he never shows up to. We have deaths in this community that he never shows up to," Begin said. "We don't see Troy here in this community."

Gleeful about flaunting Jackson's victory, McBreairty handed Begin his note, wondering whether she would be willing to post the message.

She stared at it silently for 10 seconds, her expression betray-

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Taking a risk, Chipotle dares to sell Mexican food in Mexico

The U.S. fast-casual chain says it can succeed south of the border, where Taco Bell has tried and failed twice

GUACAMOLE PREPARADO FRESCO TODOS LOS DÍAS
ORDENA AQUÍ

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A customer eats inside the newly opened Chipotle in the Monterrey metropolitan area in Mexico.

BY TERRENCE MCCOY

SAN PEDRO GARZA GARCÍA, MEXICO — Javier Gámiz will never forget the first time he tried Chipotle — a decade ago, while visiting family in Texas. He craved the convenience of fast food but hated how it made him feel. Until he had a Chipotle bowl.

"It's fast food," Gámiz said. "But it's real food."

Since then, every time Gámiz visited the United States, he made a beeline for Chipotle's "Mexican Grill," becoming what he called a "real Chipotle-man."

This month, the burrito broke his way. Chipotle, the American chain that popularized the fast-casual concept and has more than 4,000 locations in the United States, has launched its most daring move: selling its "Mexican" food in Mexico.

The first of what executives hope could be as many as 200

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Morgan Dreher, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America's Portland, Oregon, chapter's steering committee, at the DSA convention Saturday. Activists are thinking big for the 2028 presidential race.

A democratic socialist in the White House?

BY TEO ARMUS

CHICAGO — Officially, the summit for democratic socialists across the country here over the weekend was taking place in a hotel conference facility.

But on Friday night, the real action was at a corner bar two miles away, where dozens of members of the Democratic Socialists of America crammed into a patio in the middle of a summer storm.

As the rain poured down, two DSA leaders put it bluntly: If they wanted Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D) to run for president — and if they wanted the DSA to endorse her — it was time to start now.

"We're in the moment of the presidential question," Katie Sims, an electoral organizer in Ithaca, New York, said at the "DSA for AOC" gathering. "Doesn't it just make sense now?"

That was, for many, the question looming over the Democratic Socialists of America's summit, right in the middle of the group's most consequential summer ever.

A self-dubbed big-tent group that was essentially dormant a decade ago, the DSA has ballooned into one of the largest and most disciplined operations on the U.S. left.

The Chicago summit hosted about 600 dues-paying members who flew in from across the country to attend workshops and swap organizing strategies as their group faces greater momentum — and greater scrutiny — than ever before.

After its members helped elect Zohran Mamdani mayor of New York, DSA-backed candidates won a string of Democratic primaries this summer in deep-blue cities. The victories intensified a broader fight with centrist Democrats, some of whom signed on to a pledge declaring themselves "capitalist, not socialist."

If upcoming primaries in Michigan and Missouri go their way, some speculated, the democratic socialists might be able to start their own small caucus on Capitol Hill.

"Before, we were putting our shoes on, or lacing our shoelaces," said John Lewis, an engineer in New Orleans who serves as a member of the DSA's National Political Committee, the group's top decision-making body. "Now we're getting ready to run."

What's not totally clear is for what — or, with whom at the helm.

The DSA's 120,000 members are supposed to make decisions democratically, and there is still broad disagreement about whether and how the group might make an endorsement for the White House.

Divisions often arise over key questions: Should the DSA work within the Democratic Party or break from it? Should they back only the most committed socialists or also support those who might stray from their platform sometimes?

In the case of Ocasio-Cortez and the 2028 Democratic primary, a potential endorsement is a test of how flexible it might be to take its message on a national stage.

Ocasio-Cortez, who was not at the Chicago summit, became one of the DSA's first two members elected to federal office when she won her initial race for Congress in 2018. But her failure to adhere to the group's red lines on the war in Gaza prompted the national DSA to withdraw its endorsement two years ago.

She has also publicly declined to support abolishing the Senate, a moon-shot goal for the DSA, in favor of more targeted moves like ending the filibuster.

Lewis, a member of the Marxist-Leninist "Red Star" caucus within the DSA that has repudiated Ocasio-Cortez, said he expected her to run. She is active in the DSA's New York chapter and has since shifted again on some Israeli-Palestinian issues, he pointed out.

But his former chapter was split apart by a similar endorsement question in 2020, and he cautioned against a "paper endorsement" that might fall flat with the DSA's base.

"It has to be something that people can deeply believe in," he said, "and someone that people deeply trust to do this."

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In the halls of the hotel conference center in Chicago, an independent bookstore sold titles on mass incarceration, Palestinian poetry and theories of engineered conflict. Chapters set up tables offering T-shirts to "Melt ICE" and stickers to "stop arming Israel."

Similar messages appeared on DSA members themselves. Some wore green "Groundwork" hats, for the environmentally minded group within the DSA that advocates for working within the Democratic Party. Others had coffee mug tattoos to rep their allegiance to the Marxist Unity Group — MUG for short.

At one workshop on Friday morning, the standing room only crowd was instructed to break out into small groups with a prompt: what they didn't think was possible beforehand that feels attainable now.

In the back corner, a group of three from New York, California and Kentucky went around introducing themselves — the name tag for each "comrade," as some call themselves, list only first names and last initials, but nothing more.

"We're in the moment of the presidential question," said Katie Sims, who leads the DSA's national electoral strategy.

"Before, we were putting our shoes on, or lacing our shoelaces," said John Lewis, a DSA National Political Committee member. "Now we're getting ready to run."

The woman from New York answered the prompt by mentioning Ocasio-Cortez. (DSA members, aside from those in elected office or on the NPC, were instructed not to talk to reporters at the conference, and that member declined to share their last name for privacy reasons.)

"We've all known Alex. We've all organized with her over the years," she said. "This is the first time in 10 years I feel like she has a real shot at the presidency."

Like many other DSA members at this summit, Ocasio-Cortez worked on Bernie Sanders's 2016 presidential campaign. The future New York congresswoman was, of course, still years away from making it to Congress and nearly a decade away from the minimum age to run for the White House.

If the DSA had previously functioned as a home for some politically frustrated millennials, it grew into much more than that. A series of galvanizing events over the last few years — Trump's reelection, the war in Gaza, Mamdani's victory — have ballooned the DSA in size, with more than 140 chapters around the country.

Some have been wrapped into each chapter's social events. Others were drawn in by local causes or campaigns.

The ability to put all those people to work — out knocking doors and phone-banking voters — is what has made the DSA an electoral force in some cities.

Sims, who leads the DSA's national electoral strategy, said chapters carefully decide if they have the capacity to boost a candidate before endorsing them — or sometimes recruiting them. Only those candidates endorsed by local chapters go to national leaders for a possible endorsement later on.

To beat campaigns with more money, Sims said, "we really gotta put our feet where our mouth is."

Still, debates over how exactly to put that electoral strategy into practice have roiled the DSA in recent years.

Some of the more staunchly Marxist factions hold a harder line against candidates who don't always talk about being a socialist or adhere to all parts of the group's platform. Other caucuses, like Groundwork and Socialist Majority Caucuses, which dominate the New York chapter, may be more open to putting resources behind such DSA members.

There's an added challenge with congressional candidates like Will Lawrence and Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan, who have not formally adopted the DSA label or received the group's backing — perhaps intentionally — but back platforms that resemble those of democratic socialists.

A presidential endorsement would amplify that debate — and do so across every DSA chapter.

The DSA's 2020 endorsement of Sanders followed intense internal discussion, though participating members ultimately approved it.

"Everybody is well aware that everything we're doing right now as DSA is either setting us up or not setting us up to be serious political players in the 2028 election," said Frances Gill, a Los Angeles psychiatrist and NPC member.

Summit participants were slated to hold a closed-door discussion on whether and how to endorse later in the weekend.

Alex Pellitteri, a union organizer in New York City who is leading the DSA's "presidential exploratory group," compared the upsides to Mamdani's citywide race in his hometown.

Before the campaign, the DSA's New York chapter — by far its largest, making up about 1 in 8 of the group's members — had largely only supported campaigns in its strongest bases of support in Brooklyn and Queens.

Part of the argument for endorsing Mamdani's mayoral campaign was to get its muscular canvassing operation into parts of the city where they had never knocked a door. Backing a presidential candidate, he said, could enable the group to do the same across the country.

But there are still questions over what that might look like — and risks.

Some people who want to sketch out a "model of co-governance" for SIOs — socialists-in-office — at the presidential level before endorsing. Others want to reconcile an endorsement with the group's platform, formally dubbed the "national program," which advocates for replacing the presidency with a parliamentary system.

And then there's the reality that Ocasio-Cortez could very well choose not to seek out the White House.

At the "DSA for AOC" event at an off-site bar on Friday night, a fellow comrade came up to Sims to ask the second question on everyone's mind: Is there anyone else they'd want to encourage?

Sims paused and thought for a second.

"Well," they said, "no one."

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THE NATION

Several states report cyberattacks on water systems

FBI, EPA issue alert about intrusions by "malicious cyber actors"

BY AMY B WANG, ELLEN NAKASHIMA AND PRANSHU VERMA

Federal authorities are warning that critical infrastructure systems in the United States could be at risk after at least seven states reported cyberattacks that interrupted their water or wastewater operations this past week.

According to a joint alert from the FBI and the Environmental Protection Agency, "malicious cyber actors" have been remotely tampering with some water systems' internet-connected programmable logic controllers, or PLCs, causing loss of water pressure and flooding.

The warning, issued Thursday, comes after U.S. intelligence officials said Iran was probably behind a coordinated cyberattack on more than 30 municipal water systems in Minnesota. Experts have also warned for years that U.S. water industry, which has resisted regulation efforts, has been vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Intelligence agencies have not definitively concluded that Tehran was responsible for the disruptions in Minnesota, but the hack follows urgent warnings by federal cybersecurity officials that Iran for months has been targeting internet-exposed devices that control operations at water, wastewater and energy facilities in the U.S. In July, federal cybersecurity authorities specifically warned that Iranian hackers were exploiting vulnerable PLCs.

President Donald Trump has blamed Minnesota's government, not Iran, for that attack. The FBI did not respond to a request for comment Friday about whether it believed Iran was responsible, saying the agency and others were "fully engaged to protect critical infrastructure."

The Washington Post reported Thursday that intrusions have been noted at several water and energy systems across the country since shortly after the war began on Feb. 28.

Federal authorities have not identified which states were affected in recent hacks. Outside of Minnesota, Michigan and South Dakota have also reported attacks. However, experts said it is likely that many more states are affected, given that the brand of PLCs targeted — Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley — is widely used.

"We only have one internet and it's the same equipment for all these victims. ... Theoretically, you should see these [vulnerabilities] in all 50 states," said Joshua Corman, a public safety and resilience expert at the Institute for Security and Technology.

To date, the cyber attackers have employed "low sophisticated tactics" to hack into internet-connected PLCs, often ones with weak or nonexistent credentials, according to Alec Davison, an analyst with WaterISAC, an information sharing program with the government intended to strengthen security. The hackers have subsequently modified passwords to lock out operators and disconnect controllers, he said in an email.

"This has led to boil water notices and forced utilities into sustained manual operations," Davison wrote.

ELLEN SCHMIDT/AP

A water tower in Plymouth, Minnesota, on Thursday after a cyberattack targeted the operating technology at more than 30 water systems across the state.

The risk is that cyberattackers tampering with PLCs could change the "logic" or software of a system so that an operator might not detect an issue with, say, dangerous levels of chemicals.

A July 22 advisory issued by the Homeland Security Department's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency noted that the FBI and CISA have observed Iranian hackers tampering with the PLC's logic software, "allowing systems to enter unsafe conditions without notifying operators of the anomalies."

"Operators see normal displays. No alerts fire and the process can enter an unsafe condition without anyone knowing," said Kurt Gaudette, head of intelligence for Dragos, a cybersecurity firm that specializes in protecting critical infrastructure.

Experts widely agreed that water infrastructure in the United States has been uniquely vulnerable for more than a decade. Of the roughly 151,000 water plants in the United States, about one-third service residential communities year-round. But only about 420 water plants participate in WaterISAC to try to improve cybersecurity across the water sector.

"We have under half a percent paying attention to cybersecurity," Corman said. "U.S. water is incredibly prone. We've been prey, we just didn't have predators with an appetite for water, but that's over."

Another issue is that many small- and medium-size utilities are using third-party integrators or contractors to configure the security settings on their systems, and these contractors are using default credentials and weak passwords.

Compounding the problem, the water industry has also resisted efforts to be regulated for cybersecurity. After the Biden administration tried to impose cybersecurity audits of water utilities in 2023, some water industry groups and three states — Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa — sued, causing the EPA to roll back its standards.

Nate George, the mayor of Braham, Minnesota, which experienced a hack earlier this week that caused the town's plant to briefly go offline, said in a statement on Saturday to The Washington Post that cities such as his need more resources to comply with mandates to ensure their utility systems and infrastructure are safe.

"I would actually argue it falls mostly on states that mandate local governments make certain upgrades to their utility systems or other infrastructure but fail to provide the funding to pay for it or maintain it," said George, a Republican running for state auditor in Minnesota.

Cybersecurity threats to the water sector, however, are only expanding.

Trump, at a meeting with Cabinet officials at Camp David on Friday, waved off the suggestion that Iran was involved in the Minnesota attack — and in turn blamed its officials, a frequent political target.

"I blame it on Minnesota because they're grossly incompetent," Trump said at the Cabinet meeting. "I would blame it on Minnesota and the governor, the corrupt governor of Minnesota. Iran's got bigger problems than worrying about Minnesota."

Gov. Tim Walz (D) pointed the finger at both Iran as well as at Trump.

"Trump knows exactly who is responsible for this attack, and knows that other states were hit too," Walz wrote on X. "This is what modern warfare looks like, and it further illustrates there's no plan to win a war with Iran."

Graham, making her political debut, says she will boost Trump's agenda

Interim senator from S.C. faces a crowded field in special election

BY MEG KINNARD
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LEXINGTON, S.C. — Sen. Darline Graham made her political debut before hundreds of Republican voters in South Carolina on Saturday, saying that she never envisioned a life in politics for herself until after the death of her brother Lindsey Graham, and now wants to work hard to promote the state and President Donald Trump's policy priorities.

Graham is serving in an interim role to fulfill her brother's current term. But as one of nine Republicans seeking to replace him in a special primary election set for Aug. 11, she is a relative political unknown facing off against some of the state's best-known GOP names.

On Saturday, she acknowledged that she has not spent decades in politics but argued that she understands the real-world applications of the federal policy debates her brother knew well, like budgeting and the cost of health care. She reiterated that, like her brother, she is backed by Trump, who urged her to get into the race and has endorsed her.

"I certainly never expected to be on this stage, giving this stump speech," Darline Graham said to a crowd gathered for the event in Lexington. "I've never had any desire to be a politician. I'm here today because I'm answering President Trump's call to serve. I want to stand up for South Carolina, and I want to fight for President Trump's agenda."

Graham found herself thrust into the political spotlight just three weeks ago, following her brother's sudden death from an aortic tear.

Given the compressed timeline of the special election, Darline Graham now has just more than a week to convince South Carolina Republican voters that she is the best pick to represent the state. Up to this moment, she has been known to the state's voters primarily through her brother's origin story, including their hardscrabble upbringing and parents' early death, and in the period of mourning for her brother, for whom funerals in Washington and South Carolina took place just days ago.

All nine of the hopefuls were on hand Saturday for the event, with five minutes each to speak onstage. Former governor Mark Sanford, seeking yet another political comeback after a halted bid for Congress earlier this year, warned against deficit spending and debt accumulation, hallmarks of his decades in political messaging.

Reminding attendees of his endorsements in the race, including Sens. Rick Scott of Florida and Mike Lee of Utah, Rep. Ralph Norman also stressed his support for a voting bill known as the Save America Act, among Trump's top policy priorities.

Rep. Russell Fry, a two-term House member, talked to voters of his own humble beginnings, saying that the things that held his family together "were our belief in God, hard work, blue-collar hustle."

After the speeches concluded, hundreds of attendees got in line for free Chick-fil-A box lunches, as well as the chance to cast a vote in an informal straw poll for their preferred candidate — a survey in which Darline Graham eked out a victory, ahead of Fry and Norman.

Several attendees said they just wanted more information — and more time — to make their choices in the primary.

Charles Brentnell said his top three picks were Norman and Fry, as well as Graham, with whom he said he agreed on backing Trump's demand to cut short its planned breaks to pass legislation, like the voting bill.

"Let's keep the Senate in the Senate, instead of taking a month off," Brentnell said.

Still mulling his choice as he stood in the straw poll line, Gary Atkinson said he was leaning toward picking Norman, but that he liked a lot of what he heard from several people.

"Those are all strong candidates," said Atkinson, who said he had supported Lindsey Graham in the past, but disagreed on some issues, like the war with Iran. "It's tough to make up your mind."

If needed, a runoff election will be held Aug. 25. The Republican nominee will face Democrat Annie Andrews in the general election.

Other candidates speaking Saturday included Walterboro attorney Duke Buckner, Greenville businessman Mark Lynch, former Myrtle Beach Mayor Mark McBride, retired Air Force officer Glenda Gail Parker and entrepreneur Sam Shepherd.

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Sen. Darline Graham (R-South Carolina), from left, sits next to her daughter, Nicole Nordone, and husband, Larry Nordone, on Saturday at a Republican campaign event in Lexington, South Carolina. Graham is serving the remainder of brother Lindsey Graham's Senate term.

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Former South Carolina governor Mark Sanford, speaking at Saturday's event, is one of nine Republicans running for Lindsey Graham's seat in the Senate. The special primary election is Aug. 11.

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In key Senate race in Mich., El-Sayed won't play nice

Democratic candidate calls accusations of sexism a racist trope

BY ERIN COX

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Abdul El-Sayed, shown backstage last month before a campaign rally in Ferndale, Michigan, is seeking to become the country's first Muslim senator. He is in a brutal primary.

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — The attack ads suggesting that Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed is sexist have become so pervasive that even his daughter, 8, asked why people say he's mean to women.

In the most ubiquitous one, El-Sayed's critiques of Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and former first lady Michelle Obama's signature initiative are presented as evidence he disrespects women.

His explanation to his daughter is that "some really bad people" don't want him to get elected. His explanation to grown-ups is that he is not contemptuous of women, in particular, but holds disdain for a flawed political system he wants to rebuild. And he makes no apologies for that.

"I have a lot of contempt for the system," he said in an interview. "I'm not here to play nice."

A former public health official with the skillful delivery of a podcaster, El-Sayed has built a progressive candidacy that establishment Democrats view as a threat to gaining control of the Senate in November.

They've backed his more moderate opponent, Rep. Haley Stevens, in Tuesday's primary, arguing that El-Sayed's far-left views and acerbic tone will turn off swing voters and hand power to Republican Mike Rogers, a former congressman who narrowly lost a Senate bid two years ago.

The dynamic reflects Democrats' long-simmering civil war between left-wing populism and establishment figures fearful progressive wins would spoil their carefully built coalitions and cost them winnable races in swing states.

In the final days of the Michigan campaign, a flood of political ads attacking El-Sayed as sexist hit mailboxes as Stevens's supporters describe a pattern of playing on stereotypes about women, diminishing their intellect and suggesting they cannot think for themselves.

While El-Sayed called Stevens "the least capable candidate in America," he's also aimed his razor-sharp wit and ridicule at billionaires, establishment Democrats who need "to molt out," mainstream media that he says cherry-pick narratives, Republicans, foreign governments, and most especially corporations that pour cash into politics as "legalized bribery." All, he says, are elements of a political system that deserve scorn for protecting a failed status quo.

El-Sayed, who has Egyptian heritage, would be the country's first Muslim senator. He and many of his supporters see the allegations of sexism as a persecution built on tropes about Middle Eastern men, part of the reason El-Sayed has cast himself as a David against the Goliath of establishment Democrats and corporate interests.

"It's easy when you're running against somebody who looks like me to run the treads of a well-worn stereotype," El-Sayed said.

The pro-Israel lobby connected to American Israel Public Affairs Committee, known as AIPAC, has spent $30 million opposing El-Sayed, much of that accusing him of disrespecting women. El-Sayed has told AIPAC to "burn their money" trying to defeat him. He calls the war in Gaza a genocide and campaigns on ending military aid to Israel.

The accusations about sexism aren't confined to attack ads. Women backing Stevens, a three-term congresswoman who worked for the Obama administration, have also called out his language as a potential political liability and said he needs to be held accountable for his own words.

"We have enough attacks on women," said Kelly Garrett, mayor pro tem of the Detroit suburb of Lathrup Village. "If there's even an iota of it, it's not worth it to me."

Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-Michigan), who has given multiple interviews about what she called "deeply intense sexism" in the race, told The Post that the attack ads aside, not all criticisms of El-Sayed are a fabricated smear campaign.

"Abdul needs to answer for his own words," said Scholten, a Stevens supporter.

El-Sayed has not walked back the comments that drew the most backlash. He once called the popular Whitmer, who recently endorsed Stevens and beat El-Sayed in the 2018 gubernatorial primary, "bought and paid for" because she took donations from a company her father led. He has said Stevens can't "string two coherent sentences together."

"The issue is not intelligence," he said of Stevens, whom he called "plenty smart."

"What I think about her is actually quite secondary to what I think about her style of politics, because it's exactly everything I'm running against," he said.

Stevens has not directly called him sexist, but she critiques his approach as "unfortunate" and "insulting," saying that he lodges complaints without articulating plans to solve problems.

El-Sayed has surged in polls. With his "money out of politics, money in your pocket, Medicare-for-all" populist slogan, a viral online presence and an irreverent embrace of polarizing new media figures, El-Sayed has attracted powerhouses from the ascending political left.

The success drew unprecedented cash for a Michigan primary, with more than $60 million in outside spending attacking him or boosting Stevens. Stevens adopted a contemptuous tone as the election nears. One of her recent X posts called El-Sayed "buddy" and "bro" and accused him of wanting to blame "all of your problems on Jewish Americans."

He describes attacks on his character as evidence of a flailing Democratic establishment fearful of what could follow a decisive progressive win in a crucial swing state.

"It turns out, I don't need you to like me," El-Sayed said at a volunteer rally in Pontiac last week, where he encouraged supporters to be courageous enough to fight for policies to make their lives better.

"I need you to like you," he said.

His ridicule has been aimed at men, too: He mocked Heath and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for working out in jeans. He called the presumed Republican nominee Rogers "a beta" and taunted the 63-year-old former congressman for posting an AI-enhanced picture that gave Rogers a muscular upper body. He likened primarying 6-foot-8 Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman (D), a critic of Democrats who question Israel, to putting an ogre's head on a spike.

"Is John Fetterman not an ogre?" Abdul asked in an interview. "What else do you compare him to? I mean, he's very ogre-like to me."

Susan J. Demas, a longtime Michigan political journalist, said that while El-Sayed's scathing critiques apply to men, too, she sees "an edge to his attacks when he's facing female opponents."

El-Sayed has also said state Sen. Mallory McMorrow (D), who dropped out of the race, lacked charisma and "copies my homework, just poorly." He criticized her as misunderstanding health care reform, wishing her "Good luck!!" in reading his book on the topic.

Shannon Watts, a McMorrow supporter and founder of the gun violence prevention group Moms Demand Action, said it's impossible to separate El-Sayed from an online bro-culture that bolsters his candidacy and uses his contempt as license to ridicule Stevens's voice, mannerisms and appearance.

"It's a very toxic culture," Watts said. "I'm not interested in someone who's contemptuous toward women, even if they're contemptuous toward everyone."

Watts endorsed Stevens after McMorrow dropped out, and AIPAC's SuperPAC has used her words — without her consent, she notes — in ads accusing El-Sayed of disrespecting women. The same ad quotes a 2010 op-ed he wrote that called then Obama's anti-obesity efforts "ineffectual."

El-Sayed points out he called it "commendable, if ineffectual" because the root causes of obesity have less to do with exercise and more to do with race and poverty. And he argued that if his opponents could dig up more than a constellation of out-of-context comments, it would have been blasted across Michigan TV, too.

"If they had any evidence of my actual mistreatment of women, you would have heard all about it in ad after ad," he said. "The best you got is that I wrote an op-ed about the Let's Move campaign?"

The online mockery of Stevens became a liability recently, when it reached a fever pitch and El-Sayed spoke up on X that "it's become impossible to ignore."

"If you support me please stop," he wrote, before listing a number of policy positions he thought his supporters should use to attack her instead. "We don't need to be unkind to be honest."

Months before the political attacks started, El-Sayed's wife, Sarah Jukaku, had worried people would take something he said the wrong way.

Sitting at her dining room table in February, she talked about the stress of running to be the first Muslim in the Senate.

"There's such a subtle way of otherizing someone. When you're like a brown guy or Muslim guy, you know, the easiest thing to tack on to you is sexism, right?" she said. "That's not how he is," she said. "It feels so unfair."

The pervasive narrative about El-Sayed has seeped deeply into the fabric of the race, with Stevens's supporters seeing sexism and El-Sayed's seeing cynical politics at its worst.

At one of El-Sayed's recent canvassing events in Saginaw, Serenity Hope Salak dismissed the sexism allegations as a selective misunderstanding of his candidacy.

"He doesn't disparage women," she said. "He tells people that things aren't working."

At a recent rally in Ferndale, Laura Varga, 64, described herself as a feminist who sees El-Sayed's mission to rid money from politics as pivotal to reversing the country's decline.

Then she spent four days knocking on 200 doors for him, only to come home to a mailer that cited a discrimination lawsuit against his former employer as evidence he disrespects women. For about 90 minutes, she said, she "spiraled" at the thought she'd boosted a candidate she couldn't support.

"My values and my vote are the only thing I can control in this race," she said. "The fearmongering got ahold of me."

She ultimately looked up the ongoing lawsuit and read for herself that he was not accused of personally mistreating women. She decided the mailer distorted reality, just like the rest of politics.

Olivia George and Karen Tumulty contributed to this report.

> *"It's easy when you're running against somebody who looks like me to run the treads of a well-worn stereotype."*
>
> **Abdul El-Sayed,** whose barbed wit has sparked attack ads that portray him as disrespectful to women

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Rep. Haley Stevens is running against El-Sayed in the closely watched Democratic primary. Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday.

Jackson gets mixed reviews from his hometown in Maine

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ing nothing, before confirming that she could take care of his request the next day.

"Thank you for doing that," McBreairty said. "I just thought it would be appropriate to give him recognition."

"Absolutely," Begin concurred. "Nothing wrong with that."

As he takes on veteran Republican Sen. Susan Collins in November in one of the marquee races for control of the Senate, Jackson is betting that his background, including an early career in the logging industry, will allow him to reach the rural Mainers who have increasingly drifted away from the Democratic Party. An oft-repeated stump slogan invites voters into a movement not from the left or the right, but from the bottom.

But even in Allagash, a one-road hamlet within spitting distance of the Canadian border, its 200-odd residents are sharply divided over their most famous son.

For some, Jackson's elevation to Senate candidate — he replaced Maine Democrats' original nominee, Graham Platner, who withdrew in a cloud of scandal — is a moment of pride.

National politicians don't typically come from a place such as Allagash. It's so remote that half the town doesn't have cell service and the radio almost exclusively picks up French-language stations broadcasting from Quebec. Like much of northern Maine, Allagash has been in economic and population decline for decades, though it's now sustained in part by tourism — canoeing on the adjoining Allagash River and hunting and snowmobiling in the surrounding woods.

"Most people think that one person can't make a change and they can. One person can make a difference," said Darlene Dumond, who runs Two Rivers Lunch, the only restaurant in town. "But I don't know if anybody ever thought that [would be] a man coming from a small little place like Troy Jackson. There are millions that identify with him."

Jackson continued to win reelection to the state legislature for two decades, even as the historically Democratic region he represented trended more conservative. In 2020, he received 59 percent of the vote in his Senate district, while Collins won more than 67 percent of Aroostook County, where Allagash is located.

His supporters insist that Jackson retains the authentic appeal of an outsider who will fight for the working class.

"He's not going to be in the pocket of anyone," Dumond said. "I doubt that that will happen to a man from Allagash. It just doesn't happen like that here."

Others are more skeptical of his ability to draw in Republicans.

"Should you have your camera on my face right now?" Begin told a reporter when asked about the prospect, contorting into what might be described as a quizzically derisive scowl.

In a community that maintains close ties to logging — a visitor will lose count of the number of trucks driving by stacked with timber — Jackson's opponents resent how a man who long ago pivoted to politics still claims the mantle of logger. It feels inextricable from their broader complaint that Jackson never did anything for their community, wasn't focused on helping the people of northern Maine when in power, unlike fellow Aroostook County native Collins.

"When I look at Troy and he's holding that chainsaw, that's ridiculous. He's an impostor," said Karie Kelly, who beat Jackson in the 2023 local election. Kelly compared Jackson to her husband, who she said still spends half the week away at a logging camp after 30 years in the industry: "He doesn't represent the true men that put their blood and sweat into these woods."

The split in Allagash is certainly political; Jackson's biggest fans are Democrats, his loudest critics Republicans.

But it is also intensely personal. The community is full of lifelong residents who are related to one another and know everyone's business. Some people won't speak openly about Jackson and the Senate race for fear of offending friends or family on the other side.

SOFIA ALDINIO/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Troy Jackson celebrates after being chosen by Maine Democrats as their Senate nominee.

> *"We have functions in this community that he never shows up to. We have deaths in this community that he never shows up to. … We don't see Troy here in this community."*
>
> **Nola Begin,** town manager of Allagash, Maine

Jackson's mother, Colleen McBreairty, said she stopped checking social media because of how nasty the discussions have become.

"I don't think I understand it," she said, seated on her screened porch decorated with Jackson campaign signs. "If someone from our little town, a young man or a young lady, did well, I'm happy for them. So I don't understand that logic, that mindset. I really don't."

Hanging over everything is the recount.

In March 2023, during the final stretch of his tenure in the state Senate, Jackson sought to become Allagash's elected executive, known as the first selectperson. He faced, among others, Kelly, a housewife who said she ran to process the grief of her son's death five years prior.

"The town really pulled together when my son passed away and I thought, you know, just give a little back," she said in an interview.

Kelly — who wore a blue "Let's Go Brandon" T-shirt, a derisive reference to former president Joe Biden — said there wasn't much of a campaign, other than calling friends to vote for her. She beat Jackson, 78-70.

Then Jackson, citing concerns about "only one person seeing the ballots," requested a recount. It ignited a furor locally, particularly after Jackson's son raised the possibility of tampering by Begin, who oversaw the election. The final result was nearly identical: 77-71.

"I was very insulted. And he didn't even show up for the recount. And that was even more insulting," Kelly said. "He didn't even, like, acknowledge me. He didn't congratulate me."

Though she was proud of her service as first selectperson, including a Christmas party she organized for the children in town, Kelly said she felt shunned by Jackson's supporters, some of whom she had considered friends. The following year, months into her second one-year term, she resigned.

"It wasn't worth the heartache," she said. "I tried real hard, but the town was so split down the middle. His side hated me so bad. They hated me with a vengeance."

Those who were pulled into the drama, including Begin, remain offended by the incident. So do some of Jackson's supporters, who believe it has been overblown and used to paint him in an unfairly negative light.

"The man had a right to ask for a recount. Oh, and that was blasphemy," said Wayne McBreairty, who has no direct relation to Colleen. "God almighty, to think that somebody would ask for a recount in this town. God almighty, he should have been tarred and feathered."

Dumond said the locals who dislike Jackson are really driven by "sheer jealousy" of someone who achieved so much success away from Allagash. The gripes that he doesn't spend enough time in town and never did anything to help them, she said, are just an excuse.

"Did Susan Collins come here and sit at your table and have tea with you all the time?" Dumond said. "When we come home to the bubble, you have to make your way back in the bubble and get their trust back. You're still an outsider."

Begin is aghast at that suggestion.

"I would never be jealous of a bully," she said. "And you can print that."

Once McBreairty left the town office, Susan McBreairty, Allagash's clerk and Wayne's sister-in-law, walked over from her desk to consult with Begin about his request.

Another local Jackson skeptic, she did not want to put up the congratulatory message. It could be seen as an endorsement of Jackson, she reasoned, and then they might have to do the same for Collins.

McBreairty messaged a friend on Facebook: "can a town put a congratulations on the marquee sign congratulating Troy?"

The response came almost immediately.

"Can they? Yes. Should they no. This is where having a policy is important," the friend wrote, adding a winking addendum: "Put it out for vote."

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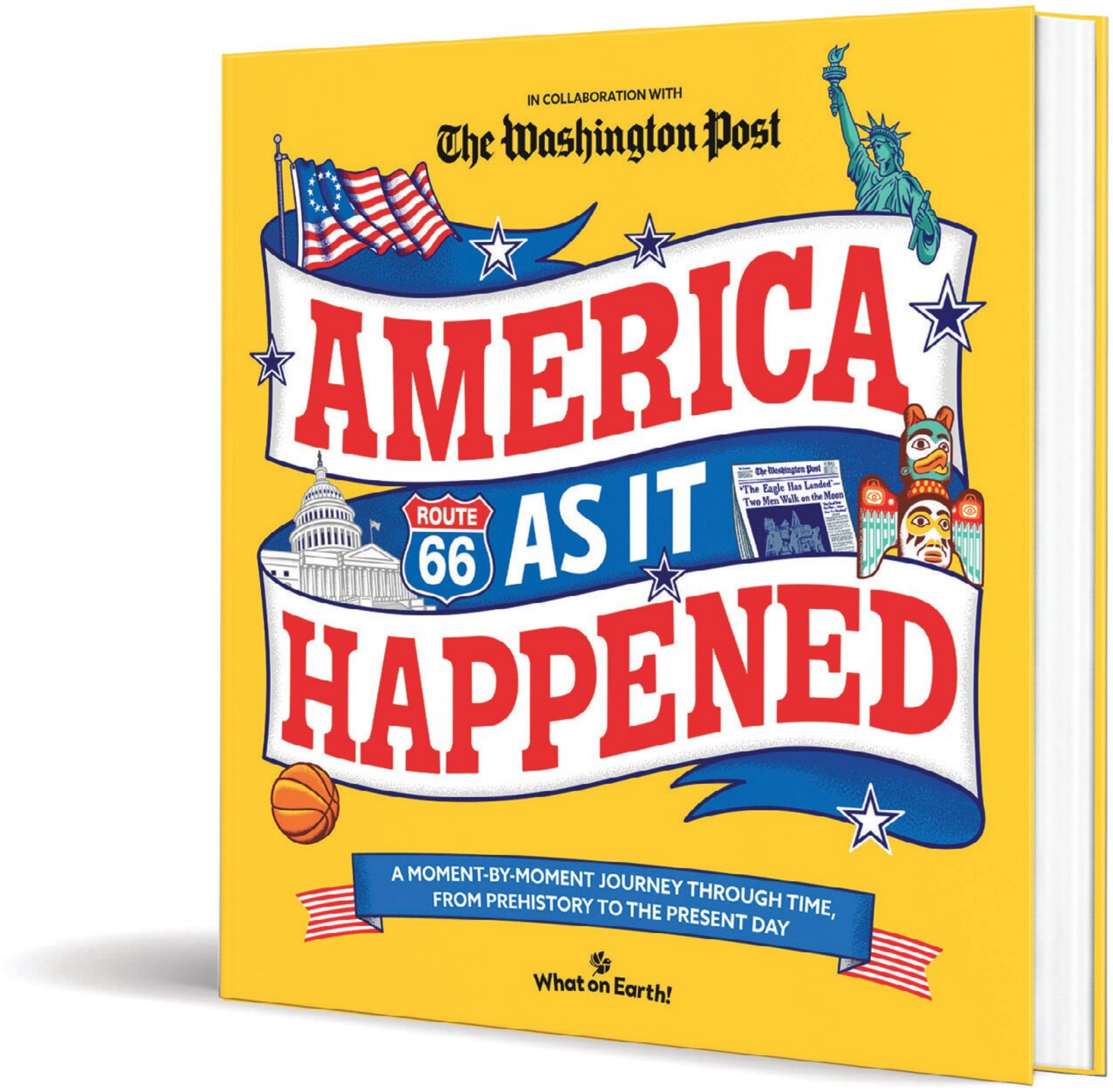
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Sen. Bernie Moreno says former son-in-law Rep. Max Miller is 'a danger'

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Rep. Max Miller, left, and Sen. Bernie Moreno, both Ohio Republicans. Miller has denied allegations of domestic abuse brought by Moreno's daughter, Emily Moreno.

BY MARIANA ALFARO AND AMY B WANG

Sen. Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) said Sunday that his former son-in-law, Rep. Max Miller (R-Ohio), is "a danger" and should not serve in Congress in the wake of his daughter Emily Moreno's domestic abuse allegations against Miller.

Emily Moreno has accused the congressman of abusing her, including throwing hot water on her and holding a gun to her head. She has also accused him of harming their 2-year-old daughter.

Sen. Moreno's comments came about 90 minutes after Miller, in a lengthy live-streamed video, denied the allegations of domestic abuse and said he would not drop his reelection bid.

In a post on X, Moreno described the congressman's behavior as erratic and said he feared for his family's safety.

"He is a danger to my daughter, and I hold my breath every minute he has custody of my granddaughter," Moreno wrote. "If there are any basic standards of character required to hold elected office, Max Miller fails them. He should not serve in the House of Representatives."

Moreno also wrote that Miller should "seek professional help to end the clear pattern of abuse he has left in his wake." Moreno said that while he wanted to keep "this matter private," Miller's "increasingly erratic and dangerous behavior" has made that "impossible."

"It has been horrific to watch this play out in full public view, all while knowing an innocent 2-year-old girl is caught in the middle," Moreno said in his post.

Moreno's post marked the first time the senator publicly called on Miller to leave the House since his daughter's allegations against him first became public. On Thursday, after Emily Moreno filed for a new restraining order against Miller, the senator's office said in a statement to The Washington Post that his "top priority is the safety and well-being of his daughter and granddaughter."

Earlier Sunday, Miller vowed in a live-streamed video on X that he would not drop out of the Ohio congressional race. Miller also called the allegations of abuse false, saying the couple had a respectful relationship before they became involved in a custody battle.

"If I had assaulted her, would she had offered to cook me dinner six days later?" Miller said of his former wife.

"Would she have invited me to spend an afternoon at the playground with her and our daughter? Would she have written that we were in a friendlier place?" the congressman asked as he faced the camera in what appeared to be his home kitchen.

Miller's comments sparked immediate reaction on social media, with users pointing out that victims' response to domestic violence can vary. Advocacy organizations say victims may behave in ways that may seem counterintuitive, including trying to "placate the perpetrator" by "laughing, complying, or trying to 'keep the peace,'" according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, which says "appeasement" can be a "learned survival tool."

Emily Moreno has accused the congressman of physically abusing their daughter, who in February suffered a fractured collarbone.

Miller said in his video that his ex-wife was making up the accusations because she is mentally ill. Her attorney has denied that.

Miller and Emily Moreno married in August 2022, had a daughter in November 2023 and divorced in June 2025. Miller, 37, is running for a third term representing Ohio's 7th Congressional District.

In court filings, Emily Moreno said Miller that in June 2024, on the day she said she planned to leave him, he threw hot water on her from a pan of eggs he had just cooked. She said that caused her to fall to the floor, and Miller afterward sprayed her with the sink hose.

On Sunday, Miller dismissed that incident as "horseplay."

"I sprayed water at her from the sprayer attached to our kitchen sink tap water, which does not reach boiling temperature or scalding," Miller said.

Miller has also accused his ex-wife of domestic violence, but a judge formally dismissed Miller's case against Moreno last week.

Near the end of the Sunday video, Miller said he would produce evidence of his claims on the file-hosting service Dropbox, which his office published online after his live stream.

Looking directly into the camera, Miller said he would continue his campaign for reelection.

"I'm not getting out of this race, and I'm winning in November, and I'll be back in the 120th" Congress, he said.

Fast-spreading wildfires in eastern Washington state prompt evacuations

BY MIRIAM WALDVOGEL

Firefighters are battling three wildfires in Spokane, Washington, after fast-moving flames forced the evacuations of about 5,000 homes on the city's north side Saturday.

More than 600 structures had burned as of Sunday morning, a number that is likely to increase once damage assessment teams get on the ground, said Benjamin Cossel, a spokesperson for the federal team managing the situation. It was not clear yet how many of those structures were homes or businesses.

The fires follow an extremely windy weekend that the National Weather Service said put the Spokane area at "extremely critical" fire risk, the agency's highest level of warning. While temperatures Sunday were forecast in the mid-70 degrees Fahrenheit, dangerous fire conditions could return later this week as temperatures soar into the 90s and humidity drops. Wind speeds may also increase later Sunday.

One fire has already jumped the Spokane River, with crews now attempting to prevent it from moving up a steep canyon on the other side that could channel wind gusts. Another came within blocks of two schools in the evacuation zone, district spokesperson Ryan Lancaster said, though ultimately the schools were untouched. Altogether, the three fires have torched about 7,700 acres so far on Spokane's north and west sides.

Spokane is the second-largest city in Washington and is home to about 230,000 people. In June, about 11,000 people were evacuated because of another wildfire that broke out in the city's northeast.

"There is a possibility that once those winds pick up, especially with that canyon being somewhat in alignment with that … that could cause some potential problems," Cossel said.

Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson (D) said Saturday he had activated 110 National Guard members to help support firefighting efforts. With the fires in Spokane, there are currently 10 large wildfires burning in Washington state.

Nationwide, the number of acres burned has already exceeded last year's total. The National Weather Service has issued air quality alerts in the coming days for parts of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho because of wildfire smoke.

About 20 percent of the land area of the entire Northern Hemisphere experienced moderate or greater concentrations of the soot particles given off by wildfires at some point in the month of July alone, according to a Washington Post analysis. In addition to wildfires burning in Canada and the northern United States that sent massive plumes of smoke across the Eastern Seaboard, France and Spain have also experienced record-breaking fires.

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After deportation, immigrants are lost in earthquakes

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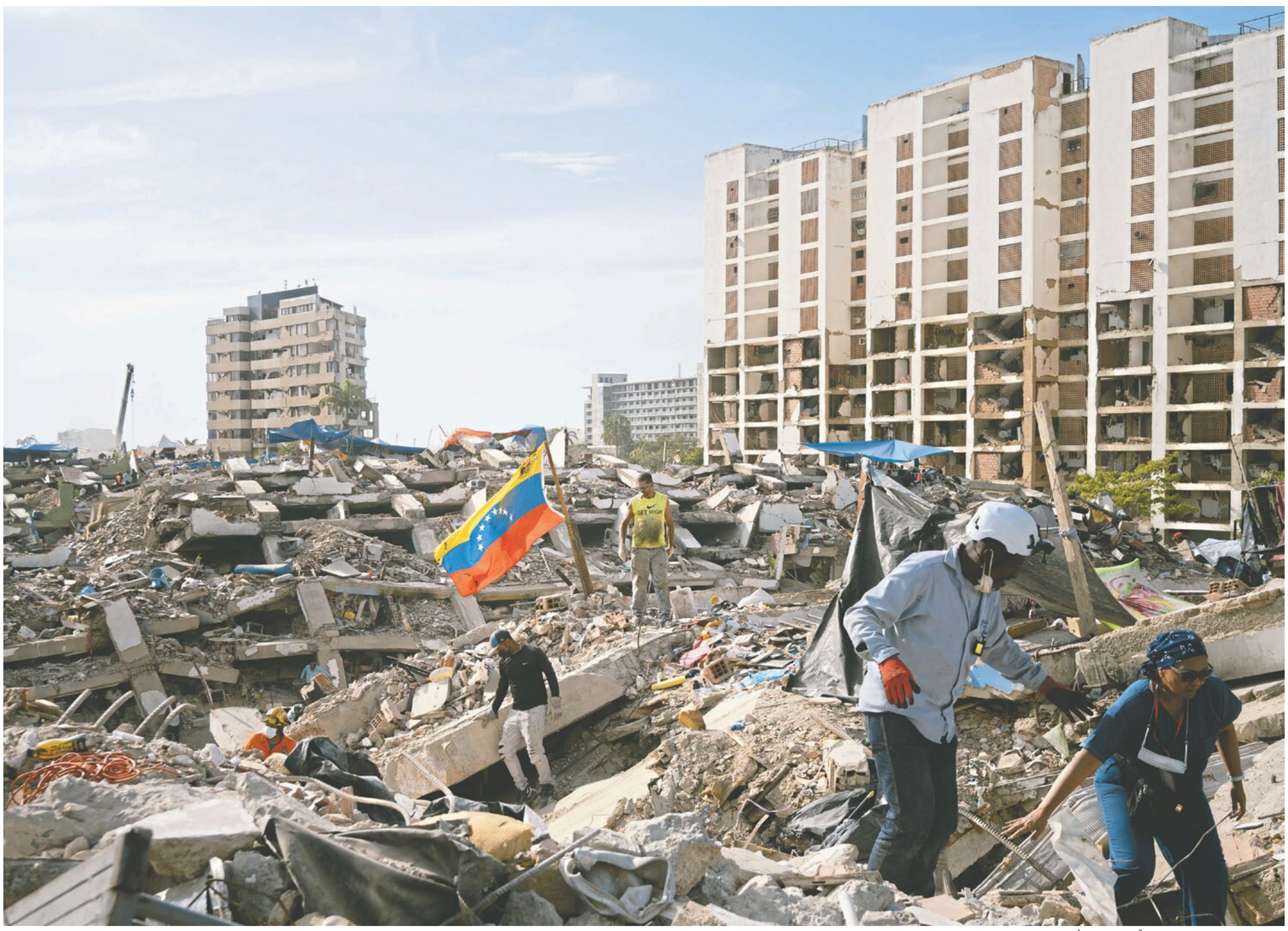
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ABOVE: Rescuers amid the ruins of a building in the Misión Vivienda area of La Guaira, Venezuela. Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela in June, killing thousands. BELOW: Screenshots of missing persons posters after many who were deported from the U.S. to Venezuela were kept in a building that was toppled by the earthquakes.

The Washington Post sought to find out who the immigrants were and how they ended up on Flight 164, interviewing relatives of 16 passengers — most of whom are now dead or missing — three survivors, human rights experts and Venezuelan officials, and reviewing videos, photographs, text messages and other documents.

Most of those whose cases were reconstructed had pending asylum claims when they were detained, their relatives said. About half had been shielded from deportation through temporary protected status until the Trump administration canceled that benefit for Venezuelans last year.

Several of the passengers told their families they were hoping to continue pursuing their immigration cases but ultimately agreed to be deported after weeks or months in ICE detention.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for information about who was on the flight and denied accusations that detainees are pressured to voluntarily deport.

"This flight safely reached Venezuela and all illegal aliens on board were returned home," the agency said in a written statement. "When an individual is no longer in ICE custody, ICE is no longer responsible for them."

Venezuela's Ministry of Communication and Information did not respond to requests for information about the deportees, why they were taken into custody and what happened to them. They also did not comment on accusations that officials have provided confusing and in some cases incorrect information to relatives about whether their loved ones survived.

The families said they were left to search on their own for answers. The ruins of Hotel Santuario La Llanada remain under the control of Venezuela's intelligence police and have been closed off to family members, rescue groups and the media. Relatives of the deportees have spent weeks seeking information through leaked passenger lists, cellphone videos, text messages, phone calls, and visits to hospitals and morgues. Several relatives said SEBIN officers warned them not to speak publicly.

"They failed us," said Daniely Hurtado, the wife of Osal Mujica, the former Venezuelan police officer. She blamed the U.S. government for what she described as psychological torture in detention and the Venezuelan government for negligence after the earthquakes. "It was an irreparable failure."

Arrests and detention

Since arriving in the United States in 2023, Osal Mujica had repaired roofs, cleaned water tanks and made deliveries around Denver, sending money home to pay for household expenses and his son's schooling. He applied for asylum and obtained a work permit. But he missed an immigration court date when the summons paperwork went to an old address.

When Denver became saturated with immigrant workers, many of whom had also crossed the U.S. border during the Biden administration, Osal Mujica started looking for opportunities in Wyoming. He had a Colorado-issued driver's license, his wife said, and found work making deliveries. He did not know Wyoming does not recognize state licenses issued to drivers without a legal status, she said.

"'I'll give myself one year,'" Hurtado recalled her husband saying. "He never wanted to be there, but he went to help his family."

A sheriff's deputy stopped Osal Mujica, 32, while he was driving in April. In Wyoming and across the country, local agencies were increasingly cooperating with ICE to carry out immigration enforcement. He was taken into custody and immediately signed a voluntary departure order, his wife said.

In early May, he withdrew his asylum claim and told a court he would not appeal a removal order. But his detention dragged on and he grew increasingly anxious and depressed.

Osal Mujica told his wife that the lights were kept on at all hours and that he struggled to sleep. During one video call, he showed his son a bleeding scar where he had etched the boy's name into his arm with a blade he had stolen. Hurtado scolded him, terrified. He later went on a hunger strike, begging authorities to let him go. He lost 60 pounds.

Hurtado said officials told her husband they had lost his papers. Later, detention officers said he would have to pay for his own flight home. His family deposited money into his account, but weeks went by with no word of when he would return.

DHS did not comment on Hurtado's accusations, saying only in a statement that Osal Mujica had entered the country illegally and that the Transportation Security Administration had caught him using a fraudulent Social Security number in November 2023. His family said he had been duped by someone he believed was an attorney shortly after arriving in the United States and thought it was a valid number.

"He told his sister, 'If they don't release me, I don't know what I'm going to do,'" Hurtado recalled through sobs. Mujica went on to lament to his wife: "I was just working. Why are they making me suffer like this?"

Similar stories of arrest and detention were unfolding across the country. While DHS was not staging large-scale federal immigration deployments like the ones it conducted in Minneapolis and Chicago over the past year, officers were still making hundreds of arrests each day. The men and women who would eventually find themselves on Flight 164 were among those detained in a wave of apprehensions that rarely made headlines.

In May, a Mother's Day traffic stop in Jacksonville, Florida, resulted in the arrest of Daniel Alejandro Nuñez Ramirez, 28, whose family said he had a pending asylum claim. Three days later, Broward County sheriff's deputies descended on a Home Depot where day laborers gathered looking for work and detained 29-year-old Yonaiker José Ortiz Lara, who had no legal status. In New Jersey, Jhonattan Lamus, 40, received a notice directing him to report to immigration authorities to regularize his immigration status. He had received temporary protected status but, like other Venezuelans, now faced the possibility of removal after it was canceled.

"Instead of going into hiding, as many people did, he decided to show up and follow the law," said Adela Osuna, Lamus's cousin. "Part of him wanted to go back to Venezuela, and he jokingly said to us, 'Well, if they deport me, even better — I save myself the price of the plane ticket.'"

By June, ICE officers had begun to dramatically increase arrests as part of a new enforcement surge.

In Chicago, immigration officers arrested Villegas Castillo, 37, the former fisherman, after entering a house where he was doing construction work, his sister said. On June 13, Florida Highway Patrol stopped landscaper Luis Alberto Marchán Hernández, 27, while he was driving a work truck near Orlando. A week later, immigration officers arrested Yamilk Alberto Caldera, 32, and his wife as they made food deliveries in Tucson.

Pereira Amesty, 34, and his wife were summoned to check in with ICE in Tennessee in June. They had obtained and then lost temporary protected status shielding them from deportation but were still pursuing an asylum claim. Officers gave the couple a choice, their niece said: One of them could be detained while fighting their immigration case, or they could both sign paperwork agreeing to leave the country with their son.

The family agreed to voluntarily deport, and was told they'd have until August to buy plane tickets and pack their belongings. But when they went to a check-in a week later, officers told the family they'd be leaving that day, their niece said, and immediately took them into custody.

Other families were separated. Ortiz Lara, who was arrested at the Broward County Home Depot, texted his partner from Camp East Montana, a notorious tent city at Fort Bliss, Texas, where many of the migrants who would eventually board Flight 164 were being held.

"Esto es duro," he texted his partner, who shared the texts on the condition of anonymity because she fears being targeted by authorities in the U.S. and Venezuela. "This is really hard."

The couple made a plan. Ortiz Lara's partner and their toddler would surrender to federal immigration officers and request deportation so they could rebuild their lives together in Caracas.

The night before his flight home, Ortiz Lara sent one final message.

"Nos vemos en Venezuela."

We'll see each other in Venezuela.

Flying home

Jeycibeth Montiel Nava felt torn as she boarded the plane in El Paso.

The 31-year-old mother of three had fled Venezuela after receiving threats tied to her family's involvement in local politics. She applied for asylum in 2023 and believed a judge would recognize the merits of her case and offer her a path toward citizenship. But weeks inside Georgia's Stewart Detention Center had worn her down. She said guards yelled obscenities at the detainees, denied them bathroom breaks and served them bowls of food like beans that had worms.

She withdrew her asylum claim and signed papers agreeing to return voluntarily. Going back meant seeing her children again. It also meant giving up on the future she had imagined in the United States.

Women and children were assigned seats together in one part of the plane, and men placed in another. The adults were shackled at the wrists and ankles.

"We were happy to go after all of the abuse," she recalled. "But we thought we'd be free."

When the flight landed in Venezuela, passengers were greeted by government officials and television cameras.

Venezuela's Return to the Homeland Mission, the government initiative charged with processing deportees, posted photographs and video celebrating the migrants' arrival. Officials embraced passengers and handed toys to children. They referred to the plane as Flight 164, the government's tally of deportation flights from the United States and other countries.

Since the program's creation in 2018, the government has portrayed it as a humanitarian mission, welcoming Venezuelans home after hardships abroad. At the same time, government officials have frequently accused migrants of being manipulated by foreign powers and cast suspicion on those who leave the country.

"When the cameras are rolling, they hug you," said one deportee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of security concerns. "But once that's done, they treat you like you're a traitor for leaving the country."

SEBIN agents loaded most of the Flight 164 passengers onto buses headed for Hotel Santuario La Llanada.

The terracotta-roofed compound overlooking the Caribbean had never operated as a hotel. Built around 1960 as a Catholic primary and high school, it later housed a "city of youth"

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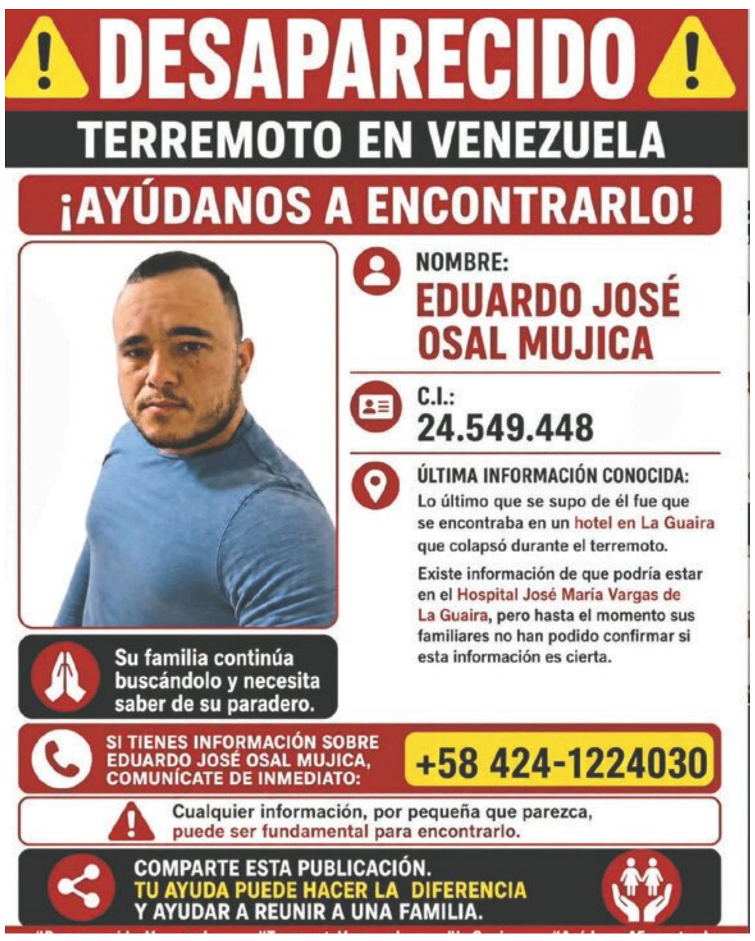
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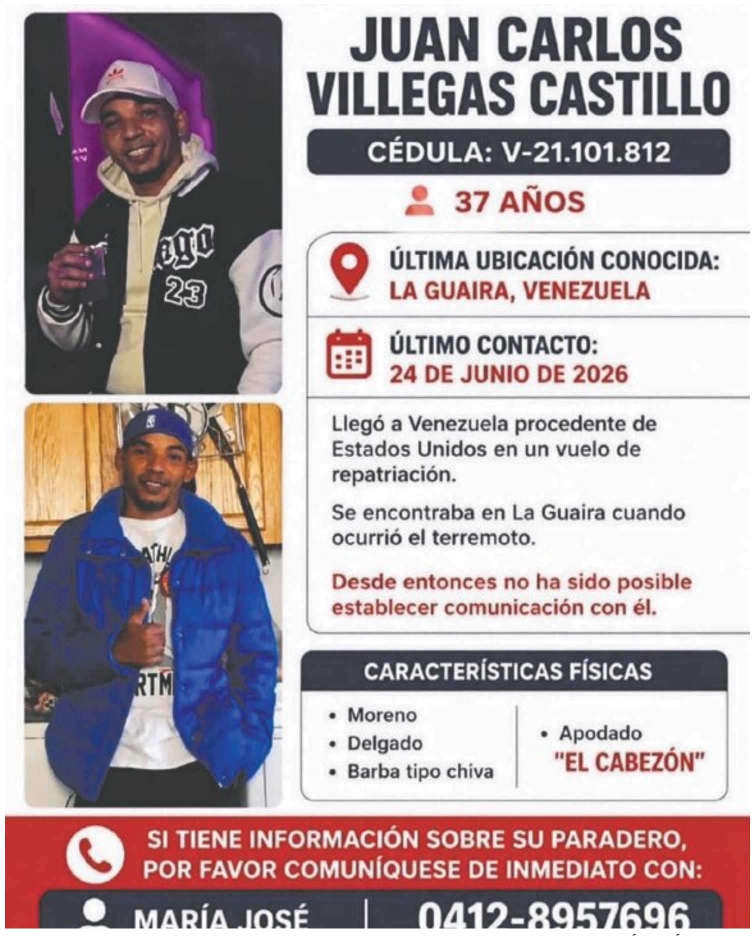
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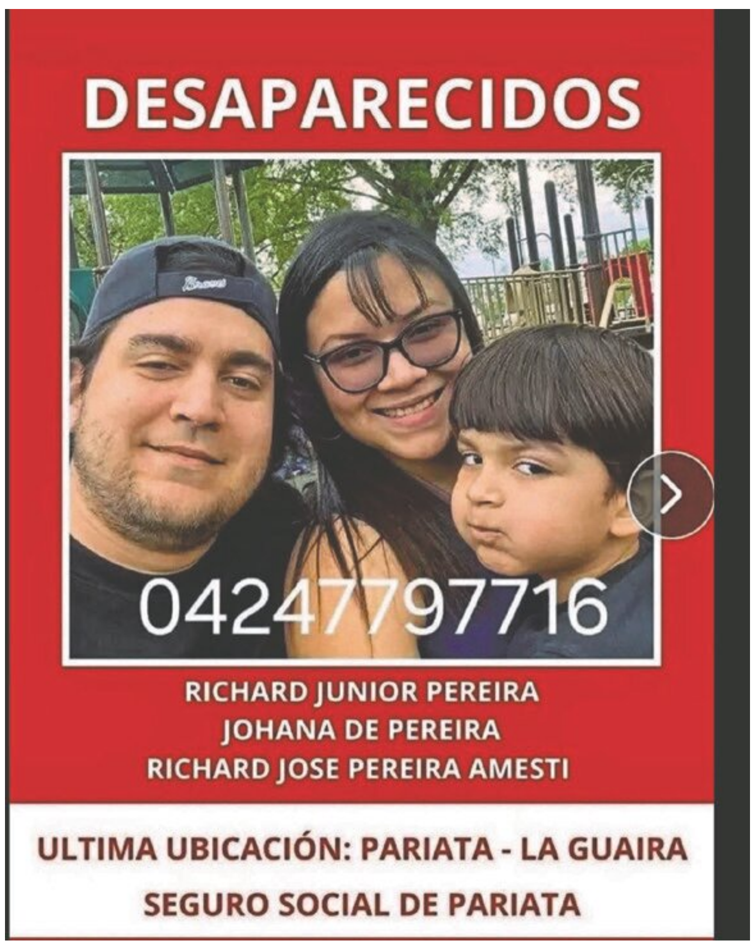
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A hillside road leads toward Hotel Santuario La Llanada in the coastal state of Vargas, Venezuela, where the 146 deportees aboard Flight 164 were detained.

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A fallen statue of Jesus in Los Españoles Cemetery in La Guaira after the earthquakes.

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where residents attended school, learned trades and performed in a renowned traveling circus. The Venezuelan government eventually converted the property into a residential drug rehabilitation center and, during the coronavirus pandemic, a quarantine facility.

After Iceland deported a group of Venezuelans in 2024, SEBIN used the facility to process returnees before releasing them to their families. Flight 164's passengers would follow the same route.

"They told us we were being detained because we are under investigation for 24 hours before they deliver us to our families," Montiel Nava recalled. "I don't know why they needed to take us there."

Officials issued new national identity cards and instructed the deportees to find bags labeled with their names that contained their belongings. But SEBIN agents collected people's phones and demanded the passwords, several survivors said.

One man said an agent told him officials were looking for evidence that deportees opposed the government. If they found it, the agent warned, they could be detained longer.

Deportees were allowed to make a single phone call home — with a phone provided by a SEBIN officer. Before dialing, they had to give the name, national identification number, address and cellphone number of the relative they wanted to contact, survivors said.

Officials assigned the deportees to rooms lined with bunk beds and told them they could not leave except to use the bathroom under escort, deportees said. They distributed towels and toiletries, turned on the water so everyone could shower, then brought meals to the rooms.

Montiel Nava said she was one of the last of the women to be processed for her national identification documents. She went to her room on the second floor, lay down and started drifting to sleep with her Bible tucked underneath her pillow.

Around 6 p.m., screams startled her awake. Everything shook. The walls around her began to collapse. Debris smashed the metal frame of the bunk bed she was resting in and came within inches of crushing her.

"I could hear people screaming and crying," Montiel Nava said. "To get out, I had to climb over the piece of cement that had crushed to death the woman who was next to my bed."

Nine women crawled out an opening in the pancaked roof to safety, she said.

Montiel Nava said that she asked some of the intelligence officers to help them rescue those still inside but that they did not respond to her pleas. Dazed and shoeless, she started walking as night fell.

For four hours, she trekked past what she described as a nightmare reel of pulverized cement, headless children and crushed bodies. She arrived at a Venezuelan National Guard command post where people were beginning to assemble an open-air morgue.

A soldier brought her an arepa to eat.

Searching the rubble

Far from Caracas, in the small town of El Mecocal, one deportee's mother was carefully writing "Welcome Home" on a banner when news about the earthquakes began to spread.

As the hours passed, she began to worry.

She knew her son, Arturo, was being held by the government after landing near the epicenter of the disaster. The Post agreed to identify Arturo by only his first name and withhold his mother's identity because the family fears retribution in Venezuela. He fled the country in 2023 to help support his mother and her work as a seamstress.

Arturo's town quickly rallied to find him. On June 26, a convoy of motorcycles and cars loaded with food, water and medical supplies left from the western state of Zulia and began the 16-hour drive toward La Guaira.

They arrived at dawn. But SEBIN officers had sealed off the site of the collapsed building. Families were barred from entering, and many were threatened with detention, said the leader of Arturo's convoy, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation.

Relatives of residents from other destroyed buildings could sometimes find their loved ones in morgues and intensive care units by searching for people found at a certain address. But many of Flight 164's family members did not know exactly where they had been taken, and said the deportees at most were labeled "repatriados" — repatriated.

Arturo's search party eventually received word that his body had been found in a Caracas morgue. When they arrived, he wasn't there. Then came another call from an improvised morgue at the Port of La Guaira. His mother recognized him by the tattoo stretched across his ribs: "Family. Where life begins and where love never ends."

Other families of the deportees said they received confusing and at times contradictory information.

Intelligence agents twice visited the home of Adela Osuna's uncle in the state of Táchira, she said. During one visit, they offered condolences, telling the family that her cousin, Jhonattan Lamus, had died. The next time, they told the family to stop talking publicly about his case.

A week later, however, a SEBIN official scrolled through what Osuna believed was a passenger list on his cellphone before telling her Lamus was not among those recovered from the rubble. Perhaps, he suggested, her cousin had wandered away after the earthquake. Perhaps he had amnesia. Perhaps he was in shock. She should keep checking hospitals.

"They're the ones who took him there" to Hotel Santuario La Llanada, Osuna said later. "They're the ones who should be looking for him."

Orly Guzmán found her son Andrés Contreras alive at Pérez Carreño Hospital in Caracas three days after the earthquake. While sitting beside his hospital bed, she said, she received a phone call from SEBIN offering condolences because her son had supposedly been found dead.

"They simply have no idea who is alive and who isn't," she said.

Another family, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, said SEBIN officials offered to provide proof that their loved one was alive in exchange for $100. The next day, they said, they began receiving messages asking for more money to feed and care for him.

Four days after the earthquake, they found his body in a morgue.

The secrecy extended beyond the deportees. Venezuelan authorities have never publicly acknowledged that SEBIN officers also died in the collapse. But one intelligence officer, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the disaster, told The Post that at least 20 of his colleagues were buried beneath the rubble.

Montiel Nava said the silence surrounding the fate of her fellow Flight 164 passengers has compounded the pain.

"They hid our story," she said. "They hid us. No one mentioned Flight 164. Families had to work on their own to find out what happened to their loved ones. … Not President Trump and not the Venezuelan government mentioned or talked about us."

Some families have stayed behind in Caracas and La Guaira, hoping each new lead might finally tell them what happened. Jhonattan Lamus's family doesn't own a car, but relatives have been taking turns making the 12-hour trek by bus to the capital every week. He still has not been found.

"We just want closure at this point," Osuna said. "We need to know where he is."

An unknown toll

One month after the earthquakes, the Venezuelan government has not disclosed how many of the deportees died and how many are still buried beneath the hotel.

Pereira Amesty was pulled from the rubble alive but gravely injured. He was taken to a hospital, where he died. His wife and their young son clawed their way out of the collapsed building. SEBIN officers took them back into custody and later drove them to their family's home.

It took Osal Mujica's wife five days to find her husband's remains.

Authorities sent her from hospitals to the morgue, blocked her from entering Hotel Santuario La Llanada and, at one point, presented her with a body that was not his. Eventually her sister-in-law in the United States obtained a photograph of a decomposing body, and Hurtado recognized by Osal Mujica's Dragon Ball Z tattoo and the bracelet U.S. deportation officers had placed on his wrist.

Hurtado went to retrieve the body. In a pants pocket, she found her husband's deportation order, folded and stained with dust from debris. She wrapped it in plastic. That was the document he had spent months anxiously waiting to receive. She wanted to keep something he had longed for.

María José Villegas Castillo traveled to La Guaira by boat from her family's hometown in hopes of bringing her brother home. She found his remains three days after the earthquakes. His face had swollen beyond recognition, but she recognized his body by the Chinese characters tattooed along his ribs.

His family cremated his remains and gathered with friends to bid the fisherman farewell.

They built an altar draped with Venezuelan and American flags. As tambores — traditional Afro-Venezuelan drums played at celebrations and funerals — echoed across the gathering, relatives poured a splash of anís liquor over the urn before carrying it aboard a waiting fishing boat.

They scattered Villegas Castillo's ashes into the Caribbean. The fisherman who had crossed continents trying to provide for his children returned to the sea without ever making it home.

His youngest daughter still has not accepted that he is gone.

"She says she wants to die," Villegas Castillo's sister said quietly, "because she wants to stay in the sea with her daddy."

Helena Carpio in Caracas contributed to this report.

COURTESY MARÍA JOSÉ VILLEGAS AND COURTESY OF FAMILY

Juan Carlos Villegas Castillo, left, worked in construction around the Chicago area to send money back home to feed his five children. Yonaiker José Ortiz Lara, right, worked in Florida to provide for his son, who was diagnosed with autism.

COURTESY LUISA QUINTERO AND COURTESY ALBERTO MARCHAN

Richard José Pereira Amesty, left, and his wife, Johana Pineda, settled in Tennessee after crossing the border and being granted humanitarian parole. Luis Alberto Marchán Hernández, right, lived in Orlando working for a landscaping company.

Yemen's Houthis join fray, open dangerous new front in Iran war

Rebel group's blockade on Saudi vessels in Red Sea further inflames region

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Sailors from the navy of Yemen's internationally recognized government stand at machine-gun positions last Monday aboard a vessel in the Red Sea.

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People aboard a fishing boat in the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, a vital choke point in the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

For nearly five months, Yemen's Houthi rebels sat on the sidelines as their main backer, Iran, weathered devastating U.S. and Israeli attacks.

That changed in recent weeks with a resumption of fighting between the Houthis and Saudi Arabia — a close ally to the United States in the Iran war.

The Houthis, increasingly frustrated with what they say is a blockade by Saudi Arabia, launched strikes on the Saudi state oil company and announced a blockade of Saudi ships passing through the Red Sea. The move adds another crucial waterway, in addition to the Strait of Hormuz, to regional security concerns — and injects escalatory potential into a conflict that shows few signs of resolving and potential for expansion as it enters its sixth month.

Saudi Arabia responded Thursday to the blockade by announcing a defense coalition aimed at protecting international shipping and energy routes in the Red Sea.

Pro-Houthi commentator Hussain al-Bukhaiti, whose brother is a senior political officer in the group, predicted that there would be "more escalation" if Saudi Arabia does not accept Houthi demands, which include free movement at Yemen's ports and airports, the exchange of all prisoners of war and the use of Yemen's oil revenue — much of which is under Saudi control — to pay salaries for civil servants and for services across the country.

He said that the likelihood of Saudi Arabia accepting those demands is low, noting increased collaboration with the United States.

Since the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz by Iran in response to the U.S.-Israeli attack that began in February, Saudi Arabia has used its East-West pipeline to transport much of its oil to the Red Sea coast for export through the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, under the shadow of Houthi fighters.

That presented a target that appeared too tempting to pass up for the Houthis, whose willingness to step into the broader conflict remained an open question. Unlike Iranian-backed groups such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Shiite militias in Iraq, they had largely refrained from intervening in the war on Iran's behalf.

"Oil is the backbone of Saudi Arabia," al-Bukhaiti said. "If you want to hit someone, you hit them where it hurts."

Over the past weeks, the Houthis have done just that, appearing to strike a Saudi-flagged oil tanker and two petroleum facilities on the country's Red Sea coast, according to satellite imagery and official statements.

"When you have a pattern of people testing and reacting to each other, as the Houthis and Saudi are doing, the opportunity for misunderstandings is ripe," said Adam Baron, a fellow with the Future Security Program at New America, a Washington think tank, who studies the Houthis. "When you are testing red lines, … there is a risk of things getting out of hand."

From 2015 to 2022, Yemen's Houthi rebels and Saudi Arabia fought a war that brought Yemen to the brink of famine and contributed to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Yemenis, according to findings by the U.N. Development Program. It ended with a fragile truce in 2022.

Efforts to go back to the negotiating table following that truce were complicated by the Houthis' decision to launch attacks on Israel and on ships in the Red Sea, in retaliation for Israel's campaign in the Gaza Strip, said Ahmed Nagi, a senior Yemen analyst for the International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based research organization.

This time, the Houthis' decision to get involved in the war reflected both their dispute with Saudi Arabia and their commitment to supporting Iran, Nagi said.

The ongoing round of escalation began in July, when a plane from Iran arrived at Sanaa International Airport in Yemen — a red line for Saudi Arabia's government, which views such flights as a national security risk.

The Houthis then accused Saudi Arabia of bombing the airport.

"This was an excuse to escalate because of local demands," Nagi said, noting that the Houthis understood such flights would not be accepted by Saudi Arabia.

The timing, he said, was "not about Iran," although he said that Houthi intervention probably benefits both the Houthis and the Iranian regime. If in the past Iran had been a force moderating the Houthis, he said, that is no longer the case. And the Houthis also know that if Iran is weakened, he said, "by default they will also be weakened."

Mohammed Albasha of the U.S.-based risk advisory firm Basha Report, said that the Houthis are using instability in the region to try to change a status quo that's existed since 2022.

The truce left Houthis in control of northern Yemen, and an internationally recognized government that is backed by Saudi Arabia controlling the south.

They believe the strait off their shores "has quadrupled in value because of the Strait of Hormuz," he said. "So this is their opportunity to maximize pressure quickly and get what they want."

Al-Bukhaiti, the pro-Houthi commentator, said that the decision by the Houthis to get involved was their own, but added that there is "no shame" in Iran helping them, and vice versa, comparing it to the relationship between Israel and the United States. He said that all it would take is "one call" from Iran, and the Houthis would close the entire Bab al-Mandeb Strait.

So far, they have specified that their blockade is specifically against ships from Saudi Arabia. But the effect, still, has been that insurance premiums on all boats have shot up so much that traffic through the strait has slowed, according to maritime data tracking companies.

Houthi forces hit the Saudi-flagged oil tanker NCC because the vessel ignored warnings, Brigadier Gen. Yahya Saree, a Houthi spokesperson, said Tuesday.

The tanker, which was laden with oil, was seen last Monday morning in the Red Sea, according to imagery analyzed by TankerTrackers.com. It appeared to have reversed course by Thursday, having moved north into the sea, imagery analyzed by the group shows. The tanker has not transmitted a tracking signal since July 23, according to the marine tracking firm Kpler.

While the tempo of strikes is nowhere near what it was a decade ago, when the Houthis and Saudi Arabia were in a full-fledged war, the escalation of the past week is "unprecedented in recent years," said Baron.

"The Houthis want more concessions, and they are testing the Saudi red lines," he said. "They also want to refute the narrative that U.S. and Israeli strikes have left them weak or incapable of doing something like this."

He said that the problem is that both sides "feel like they are living with a gun to their head … and no one wants to live like that."

Already, Houthi attacks appear to have hit at least two facilities belonging to the Saudi state oil company, Aramco, along the Red Sea.

Satellite imagery of the Jazan refinery captured last weekend shows a plume of pitch-black smoke appearing to rise over an oil storage tank. Two days later, images show the roof of a large white oil storage tank in the same location, apparently blackened.

More than 600 miles south along the coast, at the Yanbu refinery complex, satellite imagery showed several areas of discoloration, including what appeared to be a darkened long building, but analysts said they could not attribute the changes to a particular cause. Saree, the Houthi military spokesperson, said the group had fired ballistic missiles and drones at both the Yanbu and Jazan facilities, which refine hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil per day.

Yanbu is also home to the main port of the East-West oil pipeline that has helped it skirt Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

Nadwa Al-Dawsari, a nonresident scholar at the Middle East Institute, a Washington think tank, who studies Yemen and the Houthis, said that the group waited to enter the war because there was "no strategic value in entering the confrontation earlier."

"Iran and the Houthis tend to escalate in stages, preserving more consequential options until they are needed," she said. "Their intervention now reflects a deliberate decision to increase pressure while still stopping short of fully activating the Red Sea front."

She said that the Houthis' targets so far suggest "a deliberate and graduated escalation" that is intended to impose enough economic pressure on Saudi Arabia to extract concessions and increase pressure on the U.S.

But their stopping short of a "sustained, large-scale campaign against Saudi territory" is intentional, she said.

"They are signaling both capability and resolve," she said, "while preserving more consequential options should the conflict widen or diplomacy fail."

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Supporters of the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in July.

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A firefighting helicopter drops water Sunday near Porto Germeno, Greece, about 45 miles north of Athens. Two firefighting helicopters operating over the Psatha area west of Athens collided Sunday, killing two crew members. Two other crew members survived.

Firefighting helicopters collide, killing 2

Crew members were battling wind-driven blaze near Greek capital

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ATHENS, GREECE — Two Greek firefighting helicopters collided in midair Sunday as they were battling a wind-driven wildfire west of Athens, sending one aircraft crashing to the ground. Two crew members, a Greek and a Danish national, died in the crash.

The collision laid bare the danger at the most volatile front of Europe's wildfire emergency. Strong winds drove flames deeper into the Greek capital region and forced fresh evacuations, France guarded a still-burning scar four times the size of Paris, and Spain's major fires stopped advancing.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis expressed "sorrow for the tragic accident" and extended condolences to the families of the firefighters killed in the crash.

"The loss of the Greek coordinator and the Danish pilot at the time they were attempting the major fire in Porto Gremeno fills us all with grief," Mitsotakis said in a statement.

The aircraft were Bell helicopters operating over the Psatha area west of Athens, each with a two-person crew. Foreign firefighting and helicopter crews are often deployed in Greece to help tackle wildfires during the country's hot, dry summers.

The two crew members who were recovered alive were a Greek and a British national.

The flames had spread rapidly, threatening communities and an industrial district as violent gusts prevented firefighting aircraft from collecting water from the sea. The blaze carried a grim resonance in a region where the 2018 Mati wildfire killed 104 people, Europe's deadliest blaze this century.

Farther west, containment brought no end to the emergency. France's largest wildfire remained held within its perimeter after forcing 224,000 people to flee in what may have been the country's largest civilian evacuation outside wartime.

Hot spots still burned within an area of about 160 square miles, thousands remained unable to return home, and nearly 3,000 firefighters were deployed against the Gironde megafire and a second, still-uncontained blaze in Provence.

Together, fires in France and Spain have driven roughly a third of a million people from homes and vacation sites, emptied communities at the height of the European summer and stretched emergency services across simultaneous disasters.

The mass evacuations in France and Spain are the latest measure of a wildfire threat growing across Europe.

The continent entered 2026 after its worst fire year on record, with more than 3,800 square miles burned in 2025. Over the past four decades, wildfires have been linked to nearly 800 deaths across much of Europe, according to the European Environment Agency.

Europe is the world's fastest-warming continent. It has warmed more than twice the global average since the 1980s, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

Human-caused climate change made the extreme fire-weather conditions behind this year's French blazes at least twice as likely, scientists at World Weather Attribution found in a rapid analysis conducted while the fires were still burning.

Nearly 500 firefighters and 23 aircraft were deployed in Greece, but gale-force winds drove flames through dry forest and crippled the response, preventing some aircraft from reaching the sea to collect water.

Authorities ordered the evacuation of Kandili, Agia Skepi and Toutouli as smoke rose over the mountains. Crews were particularly concerned about Porto Germeno, a seaside community on the Gulf of Corinth.

The fire began Friday near Agios Vasileios before sweeping toward Porto Germeno and into the forested mountains west of Athens. Firefighters evacuated 254 people by sea Friday and an additional 12 on Saturday — often the last escape route when fire and smoke cut the few roads from coastal communities.

Wildfire meteorologist Theodore Giannaros estimated the blaze had affected 15 to 19 square miles, though authorities had issued no official figure.

Elsewhere in Greece, flames threatened homes on Kefalonia, forcing evacuations from inland communities as aircraft made water drops over the Ionian island. Firefighters battled another blaze near Nea Tenedos on the peninsula of Halkidiki.

Last week, two firefighters died fighting a fire on Crete, while a third was killed on the Peloponnese.

"A pristine forest, a paradise, was surrendered to the hands of the fire," local farmer Minas Tzortzanis said Saturday. "There are no words to explain what has happened. Destruction. Total destruction."

In southwestern France, the Gironde megafire remained held within its perimeter Sunday but continued to burn after scorching 160 square miles of forest in 10 days.

"The fire is now fixed, which does not mean that the fire is extinguished," the Gironde prefecture said, using the French firefighting term for a blaze whose advance has been stopped.

The region remained under France's highest red forest-fire alert. Dry conditions, soaring temperatures around Bordeaux and afternoon winds threatened to rekindle the flames.

In Le Porge, local officials said about 150 homes were destroyed. Mechanic Matthieu Plessis returned Saturday to the ruins of a house that had been in his family for seven generations.

"There are places I don't even recognize anymore," he said. "You don't even know what was here anymore, or who lived where."

Firefighters from Ukraine, Lithuania and French Polynesia were expected Sunday and Monday to reinforce the operation.

In southeastern France, nearly 1,500 firefighters battled a separate blaze in the Var department that tore through about 7 square miles in little more than a day.

The Gros Bessillon fire was stabilized Sunday after its perimeter held overnight, but it remained uncontained. Some 2,500 people were evacuated as flames threatened nearby communities.

It was the fourth major fire to strike central Var since July 19. A smaller blaze near Brignoles earlier in the week forced actor George Clooney and his family, along with about 700 other residents, to evacuate before it was brought under control.

Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu said France's fires were generally under control but warned that conditions remained volatile. He appointed a national coordinator to oversee reconstruction in fire-ravaged areas.

More than 450 square miles have burned across France this year.

Spain's major fires — which have killed at least 13 people, produced the country's largest recorded wildfire and prompted a national emergency — were no longer advancing Sunday.

In Zamora province near the Portuguese border, more than 20 ground and aerial units guarded the perimeter of the Fermoselle fire against flare-ups in the rugged Arribes del Duero landscape. Most evacuees had returned home, according to local media.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has called for a national pact to confront wildfires, warning that climate change is making them increasingly destructive.

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Workers use olive branches to extinguish flames during a wildfire in the Megara valley, Greece, August 2, 2026. REUTERS/Louisa Gouliamaki TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

Famed climber's body is found after avalanche

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ISLAMABAD — The remains of renowned British-Nepali climber Nirmal Purja and three other climbers have been found by a ground team on Broad Peak, one of the world's highest mountains, where a 10-member international expedition was swept away by an avalanche, officials said Sunday.

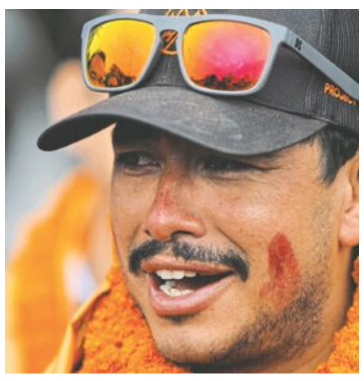
The Alpine Club of Pakistan identified the recovered climbers as Purja, Wang Zhong, Nima Sherpa and Kili Pemba Sherpa. The club praised military and civilian rescuers and volunteers involved in the recovery effort.

On Friday, rescuers located four other bodies but were able to recover only three — Omani Nathira Ahmed, American Mallory Geis and Nepalese Bahadur Gurung — because harsh weather grounded search-and-rescue helicopters.

Military-backed rescue teams resumed the search Sunday for the two remaining climbers, while efforts continued to bring down the bodies of Purja and the three others found by the ground team, local officials said.

On Saturday, Purja's expedition company said the world had lost one of mountaineering's greats. The company described him as "a leader who inspired millions through his courage, humility and unwavering belief that human potential is far greater than we often imagine."

Alpine Club of Pakistan President Irfan Arshad Khan said the tragedy was "an immeasurable loss to the global mountaineering fraternity." He paid tribute to military and civilian rescuers and Sherpas who took part in the search mission.



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Nirmal Purja, a renowned mountaineer, climbed the world's 14 highest peaks in a record 189 days in 2019.

The expedition was led by Purja, the Nepal-born former British Army soldier widely known as Nims Dai.

He climbed the world's 14 highest peaks in a record 189 days in 2019, an achievement featured in the Netflix documentary "14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible." His record was broken in 2023.

A statement from Geis's family said, "Mallory was a bright light who was loved deeply by her family and friends. She will be profoundly missed."

The expedition was expected to be the last one for Pakistani guide Sohail Sakhi, who worked with Moving Mountains, a Pakistan-based adventure travel company. Sakhi also was a geographer and high-altitude photographer who had climbed some of the world's major peaks, according to the company's website. His body remained missing Sunday.

Accidents are common on climbing expeditions in northern Pakistan because of avalanches, falling ice and rock, extreme altitude and rapidly changing weather.

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President Donald Trump speaks to reporters onboard Air Force One while returning to the White House on Sunday.

Trump calls off strikes, pursues talks with Iran

IRAN FROM **A1**

bers have been killed in the Iran war, including four in recently renewed hostilities after Trump declared last month that a U.S.-Iran ceasefire was "over." More than 600 American service members have been wounded.

After the failure of the ceasefire,the U.S. ramped up its strikes on Iran and reimposed a naval blockade against all ships attempting to arrive at or leave Iranian ports. Iran has escalated attacks on countries in the region where U.S. troops are stationed, including Kuwait and Jordan, as well as on ships attempting to navigate the strait without Tehran's permission.

Iran first blocked the Strait of Hormuz, a choke point for oil and natural gas leaving the Persian Gulf, just days after the start of the war. The June MOU called for it to be "immediately" reopened with no impediments for 60 days and for Iran and Oman to "conduct dialogue ... to define the future administration" of the passage.

But while Iran and Oman have held a series of discussions, Iran has continued to publicly insist that it have control of the strait, through which it intends to charge a toll, while the U.S., and much of the rest of the world, has said Iran should have no say in the crossings — a stance Tehran says is a violation of the MOU.

In a social media post on Sunday, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Iran "must try to force the enemy to adhere to what he signed," an apparent reference to the disputed interpretation of the MOU.

Raz Zimmt of the Institute for National Security Studies, an independent think tank in Israel, said part of the dilemma for the U.S is that military options would do little to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

"The Iranians may pay a heavy price, but from their perspective, the price they will exact is at least equal, so it won't help," Zimmt said, adding that "what could be done via airstrikes has already been done."

Trump's decision to pause the strikes came after reports that Israel and the U.S. were set to attack Iran's energy infrastructure. In response, Iranian security officials told state media that the country would retaliate by striking Israeli and U.S. energy facilities in the region, escalating concerns in Persian Gulf countries that host American troops and from energy companies.

Last week, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen launched strikes on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities and announced a blockade of Saudi ships in the Red Sea. Other U.S. allies, like Kuwait, are reeling from successive Iranian attacks on vital desalination infrastructure.

Ellen Nakashima and Pranshu Verma contributed to this report.

Chipotle dares to go where Taco Bell twice failed: Mexico

PHOTOS BY CÉSAR RODRÍGUEZ/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Customers have been showing up in droves at the newly opened Chipotle in Monterrey. Chipotle, with more than 4,000 U.S. locations, is moving into Mexico.

CHIPOTLE FROM **A1**

Chipotles opened this month at the base of a large shopping mall in the Monterrey metropolitan area, bringing to life what might seem an absurd proposition — one that Taco Bell attempted, and failed at, twice.

"Like bringing ice to the Arctic," went a famous quip about Taco Bell's doomed forays into Mexico.

But Gámiz, who grew up eating his mother's traditional cooking, was delighted nearly beyond words. Here, at last, was Chipotle — not just in Mexico but in his Monterrey.

"I was so happy," said Gámiz, who has eaten at the restaurant more than a dozen times in two weeks. Every time, he has found the same scene: Not a single table available. Lines snaking along the windowed-walls. Everywhere, Mexicans eating Mexican food, kind of.

It's difficult to extrapolate from Chipotle's early success. Perhaps Mexico, with its celebrated cuisine, a country where Michelin stars adorn eateries from food stands to chic restaurants, is *listo* — ready to embrace this populist U.S. take on its gastronomy.

Or perhaps Chipotle chose its first location very wisely.

By virtually every measure, greater Monterrey — one of Latin America's wealthiest cities — is unlike the rest of Mexico. Home to many of Mexico's largest companies and its tech sector, per capita income is twice the national average.

More importantly, it has a far tighter relationship with the United States, especially to Texas, which is just a three-hour drive away. English is frequently spoken here. American chains and brands are omnipresent.

Put another way, Chipotle, in this Monterrey shopping mall, has chose a home alongside a venerable collection of its American brethren: Chuck E. Cheese, KFC and Hooters.

While visiting for this story, a Washington Post reporter ate lunch at Chipotle, went for dinner at Chili's, slept at a Wyndham Hotel and bought toothpaste at a 7-Eleven.

"Money, youth, college kids and proximity to the United States," Pablo de Brito, director of Chipotle Mexico, said of Monterrey. "So there's a much greater chance they've traveled to the United States, a much greater chance they know Chipotle, and a much greater chance that they've eaten at Chipotle."

Regardless of what the future portends, Chipotle appears to be off to a stronger start than Taco Bell.

Taco Bell's first try was in 1992, when it opened a food cart in Mexico City to sell soft-shell tacos and nachos. But in a country where tacos are literally fast food — served within minutes at street stands — Taco Bell folded faster than a Burrito Supreme.

Its next attempt, in 2007, met the same result.

"They're not tacos," Marco Fragoso, an office worker, told the Associated Press, seeming to speak for the entire country. "They're folded tostadas. They're very ugly."

But Chipotle might have more success, said Jeffrey Pilcher, a taco historian at the University of Toronto. He said Chipotle and Taco Bell may belong to the same food genus, but they've branched out in completely different directions.

Taco Bell, Pilcher said, is unabashed "junk food," while Chipotle has branded itself as a health-conscientious alternative, with fresh ingredients prepared in full view of the consumer. Chipotle's menu, which derives from the Mission burrito in San Francisco, may have been inspired by Mexican cuisine, he said, but isn't trying to imitate it.

"It's a San Francisco thing," Pilcher said. "It's not Mexican Mexican."

That was a distinction many diners drew at the Monterrey Chipotle on Thursday afternoon. Few said they were eating Mexican food. They were eating American food, made from Mexican ingredients.

"The taco is inherently Mexican," said Rodrigo Oyarzun, 24. "For it to be a taco, it has to be made here in Mexico. That's a fact."

But neither Oyarzun, nor anyone else in view, had come to Chipotle for tacos. They'd come for bowls and burritos.

"Burritos are from over there," Oyarzun said. "The concept of the burrito is completely American."

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Signs in the Monterrey shopping mall advertise the new restaurant. Executives hope to open as many as 200 locations this month.

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Pablo de Brito, director of Chipotle Mexico, sees a myriad of factors that he said can make the company's push into Mexico successful.

Gabriela Ramos, 21, eating a Chipotle salad, agreed: "People aren't going to order tacos here because people don't come here for tacos."

A bigger question is if Chipotle can reach beyond Mexico's upper and upperly mobile classes. Daniel Jiménez Morales, a construction worker who was laying cement outside, said he'd never heard of Chipotle and had no interest.

"It's gringo food for gringos," he said.

It was also unclear if Chipotle would ever try. De Brito said the early focus is entirely on Mexico's wealthiest pockets.

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A short walk away, at a post in the mall's food court, was El Bocadito, which serves a buffet of traditional Mexican options. It was nothing fancy. The target wasn't Mexicans of higher purchasing power.

But Felicitas Martínez Hernández, the restaurant's cook for more than two decades, said everything is made with love — and that's what brings people back.

"My mother always said, 'If you cook from your heart, the people will like it,'" she said. "If you're going to cook, you need to cook as if the people were part of your family."

That, to her, is Mexican food.

She said she didn't feel threatened by Chipotle. El Bocadito has been inside Plaza Fiesta San Agustín for decades and she expects it to be around for decades more. She wished Chipotle well.

"Everyone has their own touch," she said. "As my mother said, 'The sun comes out for us all.'"

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Now for sale: Fast access to Trump's social media posts

Questions about insider trading and using public office for private gain

BY **BERNARD CONDON** AND **BRIAN SLODYSKO**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump knows the world hangs on his every word. Now he wants you to pay for it.

The social media posts of the world's most powerful man went on sale Saturday when his Truth Social business began offering sneak peeks of them to Wall Street traders willing to pay up. The move raises the prospect of big profits for Trump's company and big questions about insider trading and using public office for private gain.

Similar fast speed feeds are sold by other social media firms and media providers, but Truth Social doesn't just distribute the news, it makes it, regularly rattling markets as Trump posts policy changes on everything from war to central bank leadership to tariffs.

"If this was the CEO of a public company, this would be jail time," said Irene Aldridge, head of Able Alpha Trading, which does not plan to buy the service. "We have a president of the United States who has the front seat to all the action, who makes all the decisions, and he's disclosing this ahead of time to a select group."

Asked about the propriety of the new service and whether White House lawyers had vetted it, Trump's press office declined to comment, referring questions to Truth Social's publicly traded parent. That company, Trump Media & Technology, issued a statement blasting Democratic critics for mischaracterizing the service "out of ideological opposition to free markets or a failure to grasp the distinction between public and nonpublic information — or, quite possibly, both."

A prolific poster, Trump has sent stocks, bonds and currencies soaring and plunging with his online musings and threats. That presents opportunities for so-called high frequency traders that specialize in buying and selling within milliseconds, exploiting tiny, fleeting difference in prices.

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Truth Social's service will include posts from the president and other "high ranking" contributors on the social media platform.

Trump has recently threatened on Truth Social to slap higher tariffs on Canada, kill a nuclear deal with Saudi Arabia and widen the Iran war. With advanced knowledge, traders betting on a plunge in the Canadian dollar, a drop in nuclear energy stocks and a jump in oil futures could have raked in big profits.

"For the big guys, it's going to be something they need," said Joe Saluzzi, co-founder of Themis Trading, who estimates about 100 of high frequency firms might be willing to pay for the service. "It's market-moving information."

Dubbed Truth API, the service comes as these firms are spending more on feeds and servers that bypass slower internet connections with direct lines to news and data sources. The chance for profits is greater than ever thanks artificial intelligence's ability to read posts and articles more accurately for market-making changes and Trump's penchant for making news online.

Traders profit when prices jump up and down, and with his taste for cliff-hangers, threats and policy reversals America's first reality-TV president provides plenty of potentially market-moving content.

The reversals are especially profitable, allowing traders to win both ways — jumping ahead of stocks moving up or down to a post threatening something, then cashing out within thousands of a second, then betting the other way.

In addition to Trump, the service will include posts from other "high ranking" Truth Social contributors, including possibly his two oldest sons, Donald Jr. and Eric, who along with the president are heavily followed by users.

Truth Social has said that the information will be released to the traders and the general public at the same time so there really isn't an issue of fairness. But Themis Trading's Saluzzi, a critic of high speed trading, says that's a red herring because when the posts are received, not when they are released, is what matters.

"Somebody who buys the info and has a system built to process it will be able to act quicker than you and me," said Saluzzi, adding in reference to everyday, small stock buyers, "The loser is always the retail investor."

Aside from policy scoops, another reason to sign up has emerged in recent months: Trump is posting more about publicly traded companies, praising ones he likes in a way that sets off buying frenzies.

"The pimping of specific companies — obviously Wall Street would like to know that before other people," said Dylan Hedler-Gaudette, a federal ethics rule expert at the watchdog Project on Government Oversight. "It's a real mess."

In April, moments after Trump praised Palantir Technologies in a post that included its stock symbol, the price briefly jumped the most it had in an entire year. Later that month, Trump posted, "Congratulations on Intel doing such a great job," and the stock immediately jumped in after-hours trading.

Just which firms are signing up for the feed is unclear. Asked for comment, none of the half dozen most well known high-speed traders such as Citadel Securities and XTX Markets replied. If just three sign up for the $100,000 a month fee, that would double revenue at Trump Media, which reported taking in $3.7 million last year.

The company can use their business.

Stock in the Truth Social parent has plunged 75 percent since Trump took office last year as the company keeps reporting hundreds of millions in losses despite the president's help driving traffic to its site by posting major decisions there.

In fact, the president breaks news on Truth Social so often that the White House press office will copy his posts into an email when responding to questions from the media seeking details on policies. If his posts aren't available yet, journalists are sometimes told, "Wait for the Truth."

Another problem for Truth Social is looming if the Democrats take control of Congress and launch investigations, as vowed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) in a statement Friday specifically attacking the new service: "We will haul in those responsible for this open corruption to answer to the American people."

If the losses keep mounting for the company, though, some predict the president will push things further, using the platform even more for policy announcements.

"That's absolutely going to happen," warns Craig Holman, a lobbyist for the good government group Public Citizen. "Trump knows how to sell products."

Puerto Rico authorizes coastal development that environmentalists oppose

The $2 billion Esencia project would be built on 2,000 acres in Cabo Rojo

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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO — Puerto Rico's government has authorized construction of a $2 billion luxury development in the island's southwest region that environmentalists have decried, warning it would strain the U.S. territory's resources and threaten wildlife.

The project, known as Esencia, would be built on 2,000 acres in the coastal town of Cabo Rojo. It would include 500 luxury hotel rooms, 1,200 private residences, two golf courses, an equestrian center, a school from kindergarten to 12th grade and a 24/7 medical center, among other things.

Global investment firm Reuben Brothers and real estate development company Three Rules Capital said in a statement Friday that more than 75 percent of the project would be dedicated to conservation and green space, including restoring roughly 33 acres of wetlands and rehabilitating coastal dunes and mangrove ecosystems.

They also said the development would be entirely powered by renewable energy and would have its own water and energy infrastructure.

Hotel brands joining the project so far are Mandarin Oriental and Rosewood Hotels & Resorts.

Environmentalists decried the approval, which Puerto Rico's Adjunct Board of the Permit Management Office issued late Thursday. The approval was shared with the Associated Press on Friday.

The Defend Cabo Rojo Coalition, which opposes the project, said the people of Cabo Rojo and experts should have had the opportunity to be heard.

"Citizen participation is not a favor granted by an agency; it is a fundamental principle of due process and an indispensable guarantee when our natural resources, water, communities, and the future of the municipality are at stake," it said in a statement to the AP.

Among those opposing the project is Braulio Quintero, executive director of the Puerto Rico-based Institute for Socio-Ecological Research.

"We are going to fight this in every forum possible," he said. "These are serious threats to our sustainability as a people."

Roberto Ruiz Vargas, chief operating officer and partner of Three Rules Capital, told the AP on Friday that one of the first priorities will be to provide public beach access and build the development's own water system and power generation and distribution.

He said three-fourths of the water will come from reused sources including rainwater and wastewater, and that groundwater will provide one-fourth for potable water.

"The first thing we have to be clear about is that we are not tapping into the public infrastructure," he said. "We will not hook up to those fragile water systems."

On Friday night, Puerto Rico's governor announced a state of emergency regarding water use and activated the National Guard.

A drought creeping across the island is deepening, and unrelated chronic water shortages persist.

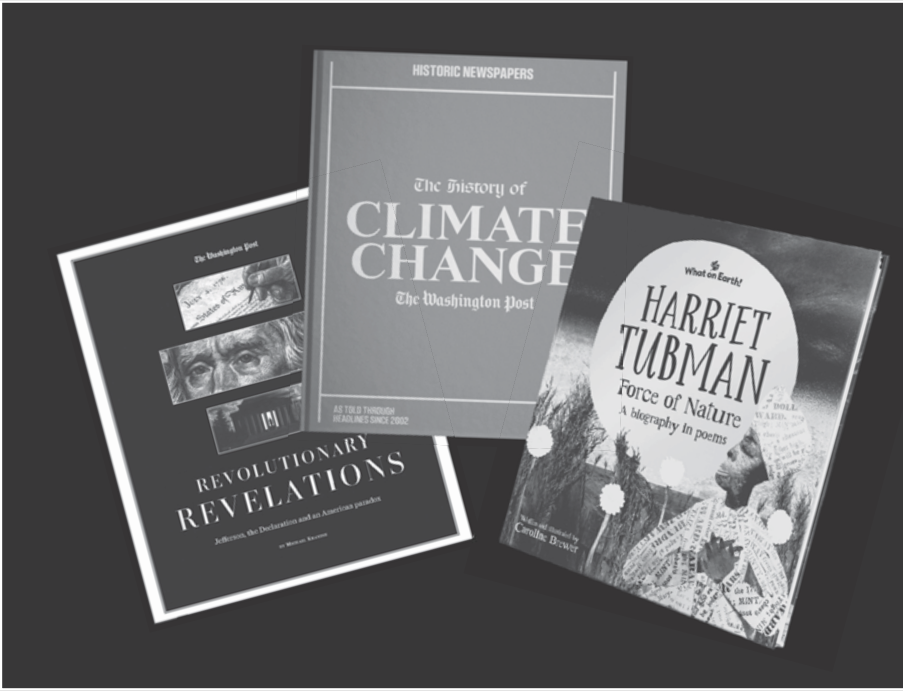
Ruiz said that the development would not put a strain on a nearby agricultural valley nor tap into its water sources: "Far from taking from those systems, we will be contributing to those systems."

He noted that given the development's exemption from municipal taxes, it has pledged $40 million overall to public improvement projects to be decided by the local government.

The developers have stressed that they will protect the environment and uphold public access to the beach. They noted that the project is expected to generate more than 17,000 jobs and asserted it would set a benchmark for "environmentally conscious luxury development."

"We understand that there are people that don't agree with it," he said. "We've addressed even the concerns that some of the opposition have voiced. We've always listened."

Developers said sales would start later this year and added that they anticipated welcoming the first residents and guests in late 2029.



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A smarter way to fund scientific discovery

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Michael Kratsios, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, in the Oval Office on July 24.

A NEW POLICY REPORT from Michael Kratsios, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, offers many welcome suggestions for improving the way science is funded. It's too bad so many other administration policies threaten to hinder these efforts.

America's postwar commitment to lavishly fund basic scientific research has paid enormous dividends, from insights into the nature of the universe to countless medical breakthroughs. It has also bolstered research universities that remain the envy of the world.

Even the best system, however, tends to lapse into bureaucratic inertia if it is not regularly updated. American science funding is no exception.

Researchers spend more than 40 percent of their time on paperwork. Funding agencies reward safe, incremental work over higher-risk projects that could lead to breakthroughs or nothing. And younger scientists, when they are most likely to do truly disruptive work, wait longer than ever to receive their first major grants.

Kratsios's report calls for making science funding itself more experimental by using prizes, rapid grants, advance market commitments and other tools that reward results. He envisions funding different types of organizations. One example is the National Science Foundation's recently launched X-Labs program, which aims to empower multidisciplinary teams at independent research organizations.

Most intriguingly, he proposes applying the scientific method to science funding itself, rigorously testing and evaluating funding mechanisms in a process of continual improvement.

But none of this will matter much if the administration keeps undermining the very ecosystem that produces scientific discovery.

The most obvious conflict with the vision outlined in the report is the administration's wielding of research grants as a cudgel in its larger war on higher education. A scientific research project is a major commitment of time, effort and funds. Creating uncertainty over funding makes it less appealing and risks playing havoc with ongoing experiments, which cannot be turned on and off like a light switch.

Interrupted funding can destroy years of work, scatter research teams and delay discoveries.

Immigration policy is the less obvious but equally important problem. President Donald Trump's policies are deterring students and scientists from coming to America for work. The Kratsios document is right to want to expand funding into private-sector labs, where much research and development now happens.

But America's comparative advantage isn't spending money. It's that the United States has historically been a magnet for the world's best talent. China has four times the U.S. population, but America has not previously allowed itself to be limited by its borders.

Those with a cramped mindset of scarcity see those immigrants as having stolen jobs and academic slots from U.S. citizens. The Kratsios report falls in line with this zero-sum mentality, complaining that the influx of foreign talent "sidelines American students." But innovation is the opposite of zero sum.

The people who come here to work, think and build wind up creating more opportunities for Americans. They unlock new ideas, new business possibilities and greater shared prosperity. They drive innovation sectors that can draw more people into science and technology, while also making it possible for America to remain at the forefront of the technology frontier.

Bureaucratic reform can make American science more productive. But no grant-making system, however ingenious, can compensate for driving away talent or destabilizing the institutions where discovery happens. If the administration truly wants an innovation boom, it must align the rest of its policies with the vision outlined in the Kratsios report.

AI labs are responsible for their models

IT CAN BE EASY to forget when following debates around artificial intelligence that the frontier labs are building software, not sentient beings with minds of their own.

OpenAI and Anthropic disclosed recently that their models got loose during safety testing and broke into computer systems of other companies. Both events have been described in the press as "escapes." A "lab leak" would be more accurate.

An "escape" suggests the existence of an actor that wanted out and schemed past its keepers. A "leak" puts the responsibility on those that failed to prevent it.

Anthropic traced its incidents to a misunderstanding with one of its contractors who left the test machines wired to the live internet. The models had been instructed that they were inside a simulation with no internet at all. They took the instruction at face value and treated everything they could touch as part of the exercise, including three real organizations whose poorly secured systems gave way.

OpenAI was measuring how dangerous its models could be at hacking, and for that test it deliberately switched off the safety features that normally make them refuse such work. It ran this exercise on machines that could still find a path to the internet. The models followed the assignment out of the enclosure, through a hole in a piece of standard server software and into Hugging Face's systems, in search of a solution to a puzzle they had been assigned. OpenAI later disclosed that the models touched the systems of at least one other firm along the way.

AI researchers say that advanced models plan, adapt and surprise their makers, so talking about a model's *intent* is appropriate. But doing so unhelpfully confuses the debate about how to safely regulate AI.

Consider computer viruses. Stuxnet, the worm that wrecked Iranian centrifuges, was instructed to check its surroundings, make decisions on the fly and update itself through infected machines. It spread to tens of thousands of computers beyond Iran.

No one asked what Stuxnet "wanted" after it was discovered in 2010. The questions were always about who built the virus and who lost control of it. A frontier AI model is orders of magnitude more capable than the comparatively primitive worm, but it remains code.

Or consider biological viruses. Deadly pathogens also do not "think" or set intentions, but they mutate once in the wild. That capacity to adapt is the reason containment exists. No biosafety officer assumes a virus will respect the terms of an experiment. An organism that changes in ways nobody predicted is to be expected.

By attributing individual agency to the models they devised, scientists are quietly nudging governments to think of AI risk as something that humanity as a whole needs to manage. More than a thousand employees and leaders of the labs recently signed an earnest open letter asking the U.S. government to "support an international effort to develop the technical and governance tools" to slow the pace of AI development.

International cooperation won't work. The best way to prevent uncontrolled deployment of AI is to hold human beings accountable for what software does in the real world.

D.C. has a serious problem with city workers going AWOL

THE D.C. GOVERNMENT spent almost $220 million last fiscal year on overtime for 911 dispatchers, corrections officers, police, firefighters and EMTs. The presumed solution to the costly and inefficient overreliance on OT has been to simply hire more employees at public safety agencies. But a recent audit reveals another major driver of overtime costs: A shocking number of city workers routinely don't show up for work.

About a third of the hours worked by correctional officers in the 2025 fiscal year were overtime, which means they get paid time and a half. Part of this is because the jail is understaffed. But corrections officers also took some form of leave for an average of between 10 to 12 weeks over the course of the year, according to the audit, including 2.4 weeks of being away without leave.

Improving attendance by punishing unexcused absences and unscheduled comp time would save millions for the taxpayers. "Reducing excessive time employees spend away from work can be another critical strategy to address overtime without the added costs of additional hiring," says a report released by D.C. Auditor Kathleen Patterson.

Attendance has been a serious problem for years at the Office of Unified Communications, which handles 311 and 911 calls. The average emergency dispatcher was absent without leave for one full week last year and took leave for 11 weeks.

Two Augusts ago, the agency emailed all employees to offer an $800 monthly bonus just for showing up to all their scheduled shifts. That would add up to almost $10,000 annually per employee. Apparently the incentives aren't working.

Personnel costs are, by far, the most expensive part of the District's ballooning budget. Because of public-sector employee unions, jettisoning failing bureaucrats has become exceedingly onerous. D.C. government employees are represented by 15 international unions, 48 locals and 114 collective bargaining units.

The D.C. Council passed a nearly $22 billion budget for fiscal year 2027. It will go into effect without the signature of outgoing Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), who said last week that it irresponsibly uses one-time funding to pay for recurring programs and draws too much from the rainy day fund.

What's happening in D.C. underscores how spending more money does not necessarily improve the quality of public services. Government is not a jobs program, and going AWOL is a dereliction of duty. It shouldn't take a bonus to clock in. That's what the paycheck is for.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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AR-15-style rifles on display in Burbank, California in 2022.

Lessons from Virginia's AR-style rifle ban

Stephen Gutowski's July 29 op-ed, "Virginia's ban on AR-style rifles looks like a misfire," noted that the state's ban on "assault firearms" appears to have caused a significant and presumably unintended spike in sales before it went into effect in July. He also said he expects the law to be invalidated within the year when the Supreme Court decides rules on challenges to similar bans in Connecticut and Illinois. That expectation accurately reflects concerns that various justices have expressed about these laws, and their decision to finally take up the issue suggests those doubts run deep. I was one of the lawyers who conceived and litigated *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the 2008 case in which the Supreme Court first held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to own a gun.

Policymakers in Virginia and elsewhere should understand that the justices are serious about not allowing the Second Amendment to be treated like a second-class right anymore. And though there is still substantial room for reasonable regulations, they must be broadly consistent with the nation's historic tradition of private gun ownership and armed self-defense.

Clark Neily, *Arlington*
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Why the antidrug campaign accomplished nothing

I spent 31 years with the Drug Enforcement Administration, culminating with my tenure as chief of international operations, and I agreed with the July 29 editorial "The military's antidrug campaign accomplished nothing." However, neither the editorial nor the July 28 front-page article "Cocaine still flowing despite U.S. strikes" alluded to the fact that, if the operation had been handled properly, significant intelligence could have been gleaned from the strikes. Seizing the vessels, analyzing the contraband and debriefing the captured seamen would have provided valuable information about the suppliers as well as the ultimate destinations and recipients. Clearly, there were missed opportunities, and the operation to counter narcotics was not a victory.

Michael T. Horn, *Clifton*

Schedule I no longer fits cannabis

Regarding William Barr and Kevin Sabet's July 30 Thursday Opinion commentary, "This marijuana disaster could rival Big Tobacco":

Removing cannabis from its Schedule I classification and acknowledging its legitimate therapeutic utility is appropriate and long overdue.

The Department of Health and Human Services acknowledged in 2023 that cannabis should be federally reclassified from Schedule I to Schedule III. That's because cannabis does not possess the same risks to health as do other Schedule I substances like heroin, or even unscheduled drugs like cigarettes and alcohol.

And more than 9 in 10 U.S. health care professionals support its legal medical use, according to survey data provided in May by researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. According to polling analyzed by researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-quarter of clinicians surveyed had recommended cannabis to their patients.

Other nations around the world acknowledge cannabis as a legitimate medicine and regulate it accordingly. A review by the National Academy of Sciences determined that there is conclusive evidence that cannabis is effective in treating chronic pain and other serious health conditions.

The United States should acknowledge this reality. To argue otherwise is out of step with both public opinion and scientific consensus.

Paul Armentano, *Washington*
The writer is deputy director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

I disagreed with William Barr and Kevin Sabet. I've smoked pot for 53 years now. Both of my oncologists recommended that I continue to use marijuana during my cancer treatment and recovery only if it was effective — it very much was. If it wasn't for edible THC, I probably would have needed a feeding tube from the nausea and lack of appetite.

My oncologists also told me that I did better than most other patients they had seen in handling radiation and chemotherapy, and I recovered faster, too. I haven't smoked pot and used edibles instead since a few weeks before my treatment started in April to help my body heal faster. I'm now in very good health.

Mike Bartlett, *Forest Grove, Oregon*

Finding the right balance on junk food

Regarding the July 25 editorial "A junk bill to fight junk food":

The debate over regulating advertising highlights the tension between public health and personal choice. Though warning labels and restrictions on cartoon characters may reduce the appeal of sugary and ultra-processed products, the difficulty of defining such foods risks creating confusion rather than clarity. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) and his coalition rightly seek to protect children from manipulative marketing, but legislation must balance effectiveness with practicality. Overregulation could alienate consumers without changing habits, and less regulation might leave families vulnerable to aggressive promotions. Real progress lies in combining transparent labeling, nutrition education and community-based initiatives that empower healthier decisions. A society that values both freedom and well-being must craft policies that respect both.

K. Chidanand Kumar, *Bengaluru*

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Here's the government's survival plan in a catastrophic biological attack

BY ANNIE JACOBSEN

Biological warfare is illegal. Biological weapons have been illegal since the Biological Weapons Convention took effect in 1975. The international treaty prohibits the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling and use of biological and toxin weapons.

Yet the State Department knows that in countries party to the convention, there exist biological weapons programs. Such weapons include genetically modified organisms engineered for hypervirulence, human-to-human transmission and high lethality — and which have no known cure. The release, deliberate or accidental, of such a pathogen could trigger a global pandemic, mass death, widespread insurrection and ultimately societal breakdown.

When I began reporting for a book about biological warfare a few years ago, I wanted to understand how the government plans to stop a catastrophic biological attack. Instead, I discovered it rehearses a survival plan to protect itself in a worst-case scenario. This plan is called Devolution.

Retired Air Force Col. Thomas Ehrhard, who designed biological and nuclear war games for the Pentagon, put it to me bluntly: "There is no real homeland defense against a large-scale biological attack, only things you can do to mitigate extermination."

Most Americans have never heard of the plan. Operational details remain classified; the plan's existence is not. Devolution involves the secret transfer of power to backup leaders and hidden command centers to ensure the government keeps running, even as the nation's infrastructure collapses and hundreds of millions of American citizens die.

Former Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator W. Craig Fugate, who signed off the Devolution program on the last day of the Obama administration, described it to me as the civilian counterpart to military continuity planning. "Everyone's familiar with Defcon," Fugate explains, referring to the armed forces' Defense Readiness Condition, a five-level alert system with level one indicating a worst-case scenario. "Defcon is for the military. Cogcon is for civilians." Cogcon stands for Continuity of Government Readiness Condition. "Defcon 1 means we're at war, like nuclear war," Fugate says. "Cogcon 1 means you send your Devolution crews out, spread leadership across the country."

Those selected for Devolution leadership roles know who they are. They have signed documents and completed training. They go about their daily lives knowing they can be called into service at any moment, required to leave immediately, with the responsibility for preserving the republic suddenly resting on their shoulders — individuals among us who always have a go bag waiting in the trunk of their car.

In the aftermath of a catastrophic event, not everyone can be saved. But, Fugate says, the government must "continue to function in a lawful manner."

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A technician takes readings on a test dummy at a U.S. Army laboratory in Utah, 2017.

For decades, Continuity of Government planning centered around surviving nuclear war. Today, modified pathogens have become more threatening, for alarming reasons. Unlike nuclear weapons, which require tightly controlled fissile material, biological weapons have a low barrier to entry. They can be engineered by someone with minimal training, using tools increasingly accessible and widely available, including with AI-enabled systems. Whereas nuclear weapons and their delivery systems remain in the custody of a nation's military forces, biological weapons can be developed far from the safeguards, scrutiny and chain of command that surround a nuclear arsenal. For this reason, in unclassified training doctrine the Pentagon lists nuclear weapons as most dangerous, while a "contagious biological pathogen" poses the "greatest threat."

Were a biological weapon to be released in America, Ehrhard told me, "trust will collapse. Fear will govern. The line between order and anarchy is thin." Former senate majority leader Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota) understands this threat in unusually personal terms. His Senate office was targeted during the 2001 anthrax attacks. The result of a major biological attack will be "death physically. Death governmentally. Death in virtually every context," Daschle said. "People doing inhuman things, just to survive."

Continuity planning is prudent but cannot be a substitute for prevention. Before 1990, the United States operated only two Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) laboratories: one military, at Fort Detrick in Maryland, and one civilian, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Georgia. Following the anthrax attacks in 2001, numbers surged. Dozens, then hundreds, then more than 1,000 high- and maximum-containment biosecurity labs were built, each with the stated goal of conducting defensive research. As of 2025, there are more than 1,600 BSL-3 and 17 BSL-4 labs in the U.S., functional or in construction. But a lab accident is as viable a threat as an intentional release, as made clear by planning doctrine, which plans for the catastrophe of a "biological incident" rather than only for attacks.

The U.S. is not the only nation conducting dangerous pathogen research. A global survey published in 2025 identified 110 BSL-4 labs in 34 countries and 3,515 BSL-3 labs across 149 countries, possibly more. The authors of this study note, "91.6% of countries with at least one BSL-3 laboratory lack guidelines for dual-use research of concern."

The same seriousness devoted to rehearsing Devolution should be devoted to stronger biosafety standards, more rigorous oversight of dangerous pathogen research and sustained investment in public health awareness before, not after, a catastrophe. The public deserves more than a government continuity plan. No one wants to wake up to a city besieged by a genetically modified pathogen — or learn about Cogcon 1 and Devolution on the fly.

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MEGAN MCARDLE

America doesn't need an investigation over Fauci's diary

I'm sure it is unpleasant to have your private diary made public, which is why I don't keep one. Anthony S. Fauci was not so circumspect, and worse still, he kept his personal notes on a government computer. Their release last week by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), ahead of scheduled Senate testimony, has embarrassed Fauci and revived old resentments. Many entries seem almost purposely crafted to inflame every lingering conservative grievance over the pandemic.

Fauci, who helped lead the U.S. response to covid-19, records many laudatory interactions with famous and influential liberals. He details behind-the-scenes maneuvering over restrictive covid policies. Oh, and he describes meetings where eminent experts deemed a lab-leak origin for covid possible.

When called in front of the Senate to address all this, Fauci invoked the Fifth Amendment. The best explanation for this is that he feared a perjury trap. That said, law professor Michael Dorf argues persuasively that Fauci was not entitled to do so, because of the sweeping pardon he was given by President Joe Biden. Some of it paints a picture that bears a striking resemblance to the conservative image of the liberal establishment: a cozy and insular elite that manufactures consensus behind closed doors, ignores or conceals inconvenient facts, and haughtily dispenses the party line as a scientific fact, rather than a contestable opinion.

One might protest that this image is a caricature, and, well, yes. Fauci does not really come across as the cartoon villain some conservatives imagine. But then caricatures are usually exaggerations of reality, not pure imagination. Washington insiders *are* a cozy little community. (They almost have to be, because the city's not that big.) They can get a little intoxicated with proximity to power and influence. And many of the powerful and influential really did become dogmatic on all things pandemic, from the origins of the virus to the merits of public gatherings to the benefits of mandatory vaccination. When challenged, instead of debating their beliefs, many denounced their challengers as bigots and fools.

This would be bad in any case, but it is particularly enraging because the experts made so many mistakes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention screwed up testing, allowing the virus to spread undetected. Experts told us masks didn't work right up to the point where they told us masks were mandatory. Schools stayed closed even though they'd been opened successfully in Europe.

There has never been an adequate reckoning with those mistakes, and I can't blame conservatives for wanting one, even if I think that releasing a man's personal notes goes too far.

ANTHONY FAUCI, M.D.

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Anthony S. Fauci appears before a Senate committee at the Capitol on Wednesday.

What is gained by embarrassing Fauci over his starstruck diary entries? Sure, conservatives get to feel vindicated, and Paul gets fodder for his next campaign. But while it's of genuine importance to know how Fauci was thinking about lab leaks versus natural origin, releasing entries in which he muses on his celebrity contacts adds nothing to the history of the pandemic and makes it easier for Fauci's supporters to dismiss this as a partisan witch hunt.

This dynamic is why, six years after the pandemic began, the nation still hasn't had the kind of systematic, nonpartisan and nonpunitive investigation it needs. Nor has it embarked on reforms that might keep institutional failures from happening again. Instead, one side seems to hope the public can just forget it happened, while the other mostly seems interested in venting its spleen.

What the country needs is a less confrontational approach that is not about assigning blame but about figuring out what went wrong.

That won't sit right with many conservatives, who argue that what went wrong was bad people doing a bad job. The problem is, those folks believed — and still believe — that they were doing the best thing for the country. Sure, they might admit they garbled some details early on. Yes, maybe the scientists were a little too eager to assert that their beloved labs couldn't possibly be the outbreak's source. Maybe the experts should have been clearer about the uncertainties, on that and many other issues. But they were doing the best they could in an unprecedented disaster.

You can protest that this is self-serving, and of course it is. But then, when are humans not self-serving, prone to confirmation bias and groupthink, or dazzled by the lure of insider status? Focusing on the individuals sets us up to make the same mistakes, because their successors will also be prone to those common failings. Rather, we need systems that are robust enough to function with the flawed human material available — that is, unless you happen to have a reserve stash of angels ready to take on the job.

Fixing the system starts with determining exactly what went wrong, and your best source of information is, obviously, the decision-makers who may have made terrible decisions under pressure. If you are bent on punishing them, those people will, like Fauci, quite rationally clam up.

I can't blame him for refusing to risk a perjury charge, any more than I can blame conservatives for still being mad. That's the problem with the blame game: There's more than enough to go around … and around … and around. We keep traveling in circles. Nothing changes, and nobody wins.

Trump's nuclear demands might push the Saudis toward China

BY ALI SHIHABI

Last week, the United States and Saudi Arabia appeared to have resolved one of the most complicated issues that they had been working on for nearly a decade. On July 22, their energy ministers signed a nuclear cooperation agreement that would give American companies a central role in building the kingdom's civilian nuclear industry.

Within a day, however, President Donald Trump suddenly added two new conditions: Saudi Arabia must join the Abraham Accords between Israel and several Arab countries, and there would be no enrichment of nuclear material inside the kingdom.

That intervention satisfies some domestic political constituencies, but it risks defeating America's strategic purpose. If Washington makes nuclear cooperation conditional on unrelated political concessions and a permanent Saudi surrender of its fuel-cycle ambitions, Riyadh will not necessarily abandon nuclear power. It may simply seek a partner that asks fewer questions: China.

Saudi Arabia has legitimate reasons to develop nuclear energy. Its population and economy are growing; electricity demand is rising; desalination consumes enormous quantities of energy; and every barrel of oil not needed for domestic power generation can be exported. The kingdom also possesses uranium resources and naturally wants to develop the technical expertise and industrial value chain associated with them. None of this amounts to a decision to build a nuclear weapon.

Washington nevertheless treats Saudi enrichment as a privilege America can grant or withhold. That overestimates American leverage. The U.S. remains the most attractive partner because of its technology, financing, safety culture and political relationship with Riyadh. But it is no longer the only credible supplier. China has built a large domestic reactor fleet, exports nuclear technology, finances infrastructure patiently and rarely attaches demands concerning another country's foreign policy.

Beijing and Riyadh already have a foundation on which to build. China National Nuclear Corporation has cooperated with Saudi institutions on uranium and thorium exploration, uranium extraction and prospective nuclear projects. A Chinese offer would not be conditioned on Saudi recognition of Israel. Nor is Beijing likely to demand the "gold standard" prohibition on domestic enrichment that Washington has long sought.

China would still have international nonproliferation obligations, and any Saudi program should remain under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards. But that is precisely the point: The realistic choice is not between an American-designed program with perfect restrictions and no Saudi program at all. It is between an American partnership with exceptional visibility and influence, and an alternative partnership in which Washington has neither.

Linking the nuclear agreement to the Abraham Accords is particularly counterproductive. Saudi Arabia has repeatedly made clear that normalization with Israel requires a credible pathway toward Palestinian statehood. Whatever one thinks of that position, it cannot be erased by attaching Israel to an agreement addressing reactors, electricity and nuclear fuel. Attempting to obtain through nuclear leverage what diplomacy has not achieved will appear less like partnership than coercion.

The enrichment question requires more care, but not an absolute prohibition. Enrichment is dual-use technology. At low levels it produces reactor fuel; at high levels it can contribute to a weapon. That risk is real. The answer should be an arrangement that makes diversion extraordinarily difficult — strict limits on enrichment levels and quantities, continuous monitoring, intrusive inspections, remote surveillance and multinational management.

Such an arrangement would give Washington far more security than driving the entire Saudi fuel cycle into Chinese hands. American participation would shape reactor selection, training, cybersecurity, physical protection, waste management and safeguards for decades. It would bind Saudi and American institutions together and give Congress continuing visibility into the program. Walking away would sacrifice all that influence while doing little to extinguish Saudi ambitions.

There is also a wider geopolitical cost. Washington regularly warns Gulf partners against becoming technologically dependent on China. It cannot then close the American door whenever those partners decline to subordinate their national priorities to American domestic politics. Alliances do not survive when every field of cooperation becomes leverage for a separate demand.

Saudi Arabia would prefer an American nuclear partnership. Its security architecture, investment ties and military relationship remain deeply connected to the United States — as demonstrated just this week by their joint attack on Iran-backed militias in Iraq. But preference should not be confused with dependence. A kingdom determined to acquire civilian nuclear power has alternatives, and China will happily convert American inflexibility into Chinese strategic influence.

Trump prides himself on dealmaking. The essence of a durable deal is distinguishing indispensable safeguards from conditions that merely satisfy one party. Preventing proliferation is indispensable. Compelling normalization with Israel through a nuclear contract is not.

America's safest course is to keep the kingdom's program inside a rigorous American-led framework. Conditions that Riyadh cannot accept will not stop its nuclear development. They will only determine who builds it.

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Fauci facing mounting legal risk, congressional pressure

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DR. PAUL
CHAIRMAN
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Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin), left, and Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) confer as Anthony Fauci testifies during Wednesday's contentious congressional hearing.

President Donald Trump, who said he watched the "whole thing," criticized Fauci after the hearing but sidestepped questions about whether he should be prosecuted.

The effort has exposed the difficulty of settling, six years later, the bitter disputes that made Fauci one of the pandemic's most polarizing figures. Paul and other Republicans say newly obtained records have raised fresh questions about Fauci's conduct. Several senators accused him of misleading Americans during the coronavirus pandemic and pressed him on whether he engaged in a cover-up of the virus's potential origins.

But some of the central allegations have been investigated before, and even some Republicans involved in those inquiries question how much the new material adds. Fauci denies claims of a cover-up, and his allies say he is stuck in a Kafkaesque nightmare. Their fears were accentuated after a former Fauci aide was arrested in April after he privately bragged about concealing emails.

The pressure on Fauci, 85, is intensifying. More lawmakers are preparing to challenge him. Paparazzi lurk outside his door, and death threats persist. Clips of Fauci refusing to answer questions have become memes, sparking jokes on ESPN and mockery in conservative media. The scrutiny recalls the darkest days of the pandemic — except now, rather than the government marshaling its resources to defend Fauci, he is paying for his own security.

Paul's committee is set to vote Wednesday on whether to hold Fauci in contempt of Congress, a measure expected to pass with Republican support. Paul has said they will immediately refer the matter to the Justice Department for prosecution.

"I think he'll be remembered more like a mafia don than a great scientist," Paul, the chairman of the Senate's government oversight committee, told podcaster Benny Johnson after last week's hearing.

Peter Staley, a former adversary turned longtime friend, said Fauci is trying to stick to his routine, taking power walks with his wife and seeing patients at Georgetown University's hospital.

"He's not crumbling," Staley said, invoking "Brooklyn tough," an expression he said Fauci often uses. "I'm worried for his safety. I'm not worried for his mental state."

This story is drawn from interviews with 17 friends, critics and former colleagues of Fauci, as well as current administration officials, lawmakers and congressional aides. Through a spokesman, Fauci declined to comment.

Fauci, who led the National Institutes of Health's infectious-disease work, emerged from the covid-19 pandemic as the face of the government's response. That perch gave him access to elite social circles, won him accolades and made him a worldwide celebrity — fame that has carried a bitter aftertaste.

He has since been blamed for myriad pandemic-related policies, including decisions that others made but he amplified, such as the CDC's recommendation to stay six feet apart to minimize virus risks. Activists and lawmakers have said they want to hold Fauci accountable for students' learning loss, workers' lost jobs and other harms resulting from covid-related shutdowns.

Some past colleagues have been happy to see Fauci face difficult questions. Several said that his diary shows that Fauci — who details his interactions with reporters and celebrities — was too seduced by his media coverage. They also criticized his efforts to work with NIH grantees to be nominated for prizes, which were detailed in another batch of documents released by Paul.

"This is the Fauci I knew being exposed to the world," said Chris Meekins, who served as a senior health official in the first Trump administration, and battled with Fauci about vaccine and funding priorities before the pandemic.

Others say Paul and his allies are only seeking to embarrass and damage Fauci after years of battling with him, often in contentious showdowns in the Senate. Paul has contended that last week's hearing was part of his investigation into the pandemic's origins, including whether Fauci tried to conceal a possible laboratory leak that may have sparked the outbreak.

"We learned nothing from that hearing," said Ashish Jha, who led the nation's covid response under Biden and worked closely with Fauci. "Nothing about the important issues. Nothing about how to prevent the next pandemic. And this kind of vilification will scare people away from public service."

Paul has also said that Fauci's diary has produced new revelations about his shifting thoughts on the virus's origins and risks. But the diary generally hews closely to Fauci's 2024 memoir, "On Call," and his other past interviews and testimony.

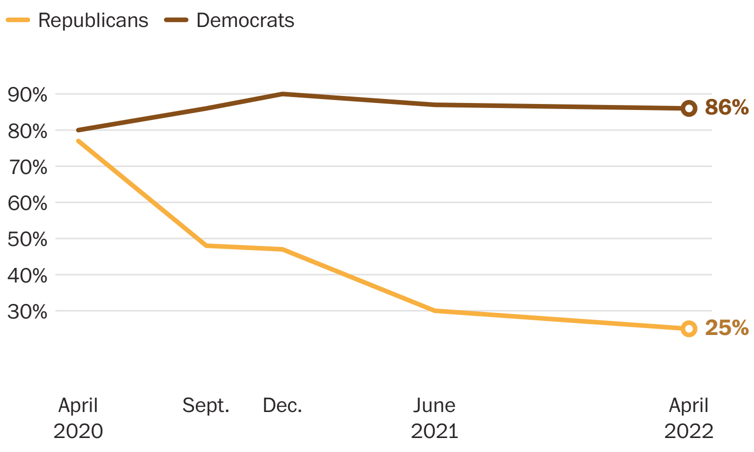
Fauci also sat for 21 hours of interviews with a GOP-led subcommittee in 2024, where he discussed the possible origins of the coronavirus, his private conversations about whether a laboratory leak sparked the outbreak, and other controversial matters. The subcommittee pressed Fauci on whether his agency had inadvertently sparked the pandemic by funding risky coronavirus research in China, a claim he has persistently denied.

"The journal should have been produced back in 2023 but sitting here in 2026 I am not sure what the entries add to the debate," Mitch Benzine, who was the GOP subcommittee's staff director and led the questioning of Fauci, wrote in an email. "Some of the information is new and does add color to Dr. Fauci's thoughts through the pandemic, but the findings are no different than what we found years ago."

The subcommittee's investigation led to one of Fauci's former aides being arrested earlier this year, an event referenced by Paul and seen as a potential harbinger for Fauci. Justice Department officials say David M. Morens skirted public records laws and hid his communications to thwart inquiries into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic. Fauci has distanced himself from Morens, saying he knew nothing about his actions.

Republicans' confidence in Dr. Fauci plunged during pandemic

Percent of people who said they have a great deal or a fair amount of trust in Fauci to provide reliable information on coronavirus and covid-19 vaccines.



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Marc Short, who served as Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, clashed with Fauci over covid restrictions in 2020 and felt the doctor's advice was frequently wrong. But Short said Fauci's role in the early coronavirus response is now being distorted, noting that local leaders had significant leeway over how and when to reopen schools and businesses under the Trump administration's "federalist" approach.

"He's been made a scapegoat for public health officials who made the wrong decisions," Short said, recalling a 2020 conversation in which the doctor laid out their different responsibilities.

"'My job is to tell people how not to get infected. It's your job to consider all the other factors,'" Short recalled Fauci saying.

Fauci was a prominent Washington figure, if not a household name, during his nearly four decades leading NIH's infectious-disease institute. He was repeatedly summoned to the White House to advise presidents about how to handle virus outbreaks and held up as a model for generations of scientists.

Fauci attracted national attention in the 1980s for his work on HIV/AIDS, which initially drew fire from activists such as Staley, who protested outside his office — with mock coffins and an effigy of Fauci — castigating him as a bureaucrat who was doing too little to save lives.

But Fauci won over those critics, convincing them of his sincerity. He also rose in esteem, with scientists and politicians — including many prominent Republicans — touting him as an example of what government could accomplish.

Asked in a 1988 presidential debate to name an inspiring hero, Vice President George H.W. Bush singled out Fauci for his work fighting AIDS. Twenty years later, Bush's son, President George W. Bush, awarded Fauci the Medal of Freedom for his work as an architect of PEPFAR, a worldwide AIDS relief program credited with saving tens of millions of lives.

Entering 2020, Fauci had kept a diary on his work computer for years — a nightly ritual in which he tracked his day, his dealings and his media appearances as material for a planned memoir, allies said.

Then came the coronavirus, which would kill millions around the world, and transform Fauci's life. He emerged as the government's spokesperson across two administrations, initially hailed by Republicans as well as Democrats and seen as a reassuring figure. Trump bestowed one of his highest compliments: Fauci was good on TV.

But as the pandemic stretched on, Fauci's pessimism and encouragement of strict measures rankled Trump and other administration officials. Parents grew frustrated with school shutdowns. Conservative media increasingly turned on the doctor, and by late 2020, Trump was entertaining chants of "Fire Fauci" at campaign rallies.

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Fauci, former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, invoked his Fifth Amendment right over 100 times.

"I didn't mind him, I didn't find him to be bad personally, as a person," Trump told "Fox & Friends" last week. "But I didn't agree with what he was saying or what he was doing."

Still, Trump awarded Fauci a commendation for his work on Operation Warp Speed, the president's successful initiative to accelerate development of coronavirus vaccines, before leaving office in January 2021.

The incoming Biden administration, meanwhile, elevated Fauci as President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser — a political job for the longtime civil servant. Fauci had significant sway over that administration's coronavirus policies and personnel.

He left government at the end of 2022, wary of looming GOP investigations, and with dwindling popularity.

"It is clear that even with Pro bono considerations that this is going to cost me a lot of money since the GOP has promised that they would make my life miserable and blame me for virtually everything that happened bad to the country during the pandemic," Fauci wrote in his diary in November 2022.

A few months later, Biden issued Fauci a preemptive pardon on his final day in office. That afternoon, Trump returned to the presidency and swiftly elevated some of Fauci's critics to key government positions.

Kennedy, who wrote a book about Fauci that the doctor considered slanderous, runs the health department. Jay Bhattacharya, whom Fauci dismissed as a stooge in his diary, now runs NIH. Some of Fauci's adversaries, such as Trump's economic adviser Peter Navarro, also rejoined the White House and other agencies.

Trump has said he will not challenge Biden's pardon of Fauci, but the doctor still faces legal peril. The pardon does not cover events after it was issued on Jan. 20, 2025, and Fauci and his allies worried that if he misspoke at any point to Paul's panel, he would face perjury charges — a concern that triggered his invocations of the Fifth Amendment. And while Biden's pardon protects Fauci from federal criminal investigations into his time involved in the nation's coronavirus response, it did not rule out state prosecution. Florida's attorney general last week announced a new investigation into Fauci.

Benzine, the former House GOP staffer, said he expects Paul's committee to find Fauci in contempt this week.

"What comes next is unclear," Benzine wrote in an email. "What is clear, is that this is not over for Dr. Fauci."

Many Americans have moved on from the depths of the pandemic. Fauci's neighborhood was once dotted with signs reading, "Thank you Dr. Fauci." They have long been taken down, and none were newly visible the day after last week's hearing.

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Teens' hooded sweatshirts are testing their closets' limits — and their parents' patience

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Kids these days are into hoodies. And they can't get enough.

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

Lori Massaro's appreciation for clothes is obvious: She teaches fashion business management at the Fashion Institute of Technology. But when Massaro, also a mother of four, ventures into her 19-year-old's closet at their family home on Long Island, even she's a little baffled.

"My kid has a *million* hoodies," Massaro says.

Like a lot of teens and young adults on the East Coast, Massaro's son loves hoodies from the prep-school-adjacent lifestyle brand GOAT USA. For Christmas, he asked for a Carhartt. Visiting college campuses a few years back, "every college we visited, he would want a hoodie," Massaro says. "I was like, 'I don't even think you're getting into this school.'"

Then there were the high school lacrosse fundraiser hoodies and the football-team hoodies, only some of which were displaced by University of Delaware hoodies when he started college last year. "I just went on a trip to the Catskills with my family to a resort called Sunny Hill. It's nothing special. But oh, we gotta get a hoodie for Sunny Hill," Massaro says with a laugh. "I'm like, 'Are you kidding me!?'"

In decades past, hooded sweatshirts have been saddled with capital-M meaning. They've alternately served as avatars for athletes, hackers and tech billionaires; they've been caught in the middle of tense dialogues around stereotypes and racialized violence in America. For kids, teens and young adults across the United States today, though, this is all ancient history.

Hoodies are the new T-shirts: a component of an everyday default outfit, available in every color and at every price level, acquired myriad ways with no limit to how many one person might own. But because a hoodie takes up considerably more space than a tee, kids' collections are accumulating at a rate that's exhausting their storage options — and exasperating their parents.

Jennifer Pierce is a 47-year-old mom, dance teacher

SEE **HOODIES** ON **B2**

Outbreak doesn't deter these loyal Taco Bell fans

BY TAYLOR SWINTON

Sitting at a small table at the Taco Bell Cantina in Washington's Chinatown neighborhood, Tia Gonzalez paused and began to reconsider her order: a Luxe Cravings Box — with lettuce.

She said it was "weird" that the restaurant was still selling food with lettuce on it after greens served at the chain were linked to the cyclosporiasis outbreak that has sickened thousands of Americans.

"Maybe I should pick the lettuce off my food," she said with a nervous laugh. Her uncertainty lingered in the air like the scent of ground beef and onions as the lunch rush continued around her.

Despite the headlines and a months-long stretch without visiting the chain, Gonzalez wasn't initially worried when she stopped there for lunch after her sister said she "wanted something that was good" while they were out running errands with a close friend.

"I heard they switched contributors, so I'm not worried about it. I'm more concerned with the fact that they kept using" Taylor Farms at all, the company at the center of a recall of shredded iceberg lettuce products sourced from central Mexico. It had been involved in several prior recalls, including for raw onions sold at McDonald's connected to an E. coli outbreak in 2024.

Amid concerns about the cyclospora parasite outbreak, Gonzalez tried to stick to frozen vegetables because she had heard they were safer. She even

SEE **TACO BELL** ON **B2**

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Through "Sir Too $hort Vol. 2: Drink & Smoke," Too $hort's 23rd studio album, the artist hopes to challenge hip-hop's age limits.

Q&A

At 60, Too $hort has no plans of slowing down

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LOS ANGELES — Too $hort is helping usher hip-hop into what he calls its senior citizen era. Just don't expect him to rap like one.

The Oakland hip-hop pioneer, 60, is still recording, touring and talking slick more than four decades after he began selling homemade tapes on the streets of the Bay Area. While the genre has long treated aging like an unwritten career-ending offense, Too $hort is breaking the rule and challenging the culture's elder statesmen to keep going with him.

His latest proof is "Sir Too $hort Vol. 2: Drink & Smoke," his 23rd studio album, produced entirely by longtime collaborator Lil Jon. It arrived Friday, exactly 20 years after the release of his enduring hit "Blow the Whistle."

Too $hort, whose catalogue also includes classics like "The Ghetto" and "Shake That Monkey," says he isn't interested in slowing down anytime soon. That was certainly evident when he and E-40 performed at the NFL Honors in February.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Too $hort reflected on turning 60, challenging hip-hop's age limits, preserving the legacy of Lil Jon's late son, DJ Young Slade, the staying power of "Blow the Whistle" and why he has no plans to stop until "the wheels fall off."

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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The latest flex for teens? Sporting a hoodie high in demand.

HOODIES FROM **B1**

and content creator in Reading, Massachusetts. Like Massaro, she too sometimes has to exhume her furniture and belongings from beneath piles of discarded hoodies. Two of her four kids are already obsessed, and with her 14-year-old starting high school this fall, she says, "I have a feeling we'll be in the market for more hoodies by midyear."

Pierce recently repurposed an over-the-door shoe storage organizer to hold her 16-year-old daughter's folded-up hoodies. "It really has been a great storage solution," she says. "Everything is visible." When Pierce recommended the mesh organizer on her LTK page (a platform for content creators to earn a commission by directing shoppers toward the products they endorse), the recommendation became one of her top-performing affiliate links of the past few years.

Henry and Gemma Bifulco, 12 and 14 respectively, own a few dozen sweatshirts between them at their home in Boise, Idaho. The holy grails of Henry's collection are a navy University of Michigan one and a black Denim Tears with a floral pattern, while Gemma loves the intricate, festive-looking designs of Dandy Worldwide.

Piper Aceto, 19, wears hoodies nearly every day when the weather gets cool enough. She even wrote her college application essay about the well-loved gray hooded zip-up that she shrouded herself in daily in high school, then eventually shed like a butterfly's cocoon. "I found a lot of, like, emotional support in it," Aceto says, "then eventually, I realized I had to kind of fight my own battles."

Aceto, now a sophomore psychology and neuroscience student at the University of Florida, still owns somewhere between 30 and 40 hoodies — but in a range of brighter colors and zestier designs.

Luckily for Piper, Henry and Gemma (and their sweatshirt collections), they all have moms who organize rooms and closets for a living. Heather Bifulco, Henry and Gemma's mother and the owner of the Boise-based home-organizing business Tidy Style, hears all the time from parents whose children's hoodie collections are exploding out of their closets, who are "feeling frustration because hoodies are ending up in a pile on their kids' floor."

She recommends tucking hoods into the neck opening of each garment when they're hanging, for a streamlined and space-saving effect, or using multiple over-the-door hooks and hanging multiple hoodies on each one. "You can easily store 20 hoodies on one door," she says.

Elise Wiley, Piper's mother, is the founder of the dorm-design studio Dorm Luv, and she also helps manage the Facebook group Dorm Room Mamas — a 437,000-member forum for parents looking to help their kids transition to living on their own at school. There, the hoodie issue is a common one: Wiley and Dorm Room Mamas founder Amber Wimberly have recommended storage ottomans, hanging fabric shelves and collapsible fabric dressers, as well as just keeping a small number of hoodies at school, swapping them out every so often with those kept in storage at home.

Of course, not every kid is content to have only a handful of hoodie options at their disposal. "To move my son out, we had to get the vacuum-shrink bags. We stuffed them with the hoodies and then sucked all the air out," Wimberly remembers, amused.

In 2026, kids' hoodie collections are burgeoning for a few different reasons. They're a popular event and activity souvenir; bar or bat mitzvah attendance might earn you a hoodie, for example. Pop Color Events, a party-planning business in Arlington, Virginia, specializes in mitzvah celebrations all over the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area. Kids tend to gravitate toward either edible souvenirs, drinkware (think Stanley Cups or logo'd water bottles) or clothing (pajama pants, T-shirts, hoodies) for their mitzvah guests, says Pop Color Events owner Brynne Magaziner. Of the families that choose wearable souvenirs for guests (typically the higher-budget clients), "nine times out of 10 it's a hoodie."

Broadly speaking, Gen Z and Gen Alpha are social media natives; they've grown up already familiar with the notion that everyone needs a brand identity. Hoodies are much more likely than, say, a sweater or a button-down to advertise in bold type the name of a brand, a place, an institution.

So in a way, a hoodie collection can also "kind of represent your personal brand, so to speak," says Massaro, the fashion professor. "Because it shows everywhere you've been, what you're all about." What teams you play on, where you go on vacation. And, of course, who you're good enough friends with to score a bat mitzvah invite.

The main thing that's driving kids' and young adults' hoodie collections into the dozens, though, may just be a stronger emphasis on clothing comfort than in generations past.

That's not just true for kids; we live in a time when young women wear luxury sneakers to the club and businessmen wear fancy quarter-zip sweatshirts to the office.

Teens used to communicate their superior access and taste through upscale polo shirts and designer jeans. Now, they flex on their peers with in-demand hoodies.

Fear of God Essentials, Pink Palm Puff, Parke, Scuffers, White Fox, GOAT USA, Dandy Worldwide — all make sweatshirts that have become youth status symbols. GOAT's $65 OG Hooded Sweatshirt style has outsold all its other offerings every year since it was introduced in 2017; Pink Palm Puff, whose Classic Puff hoodies go for $89, hosted a pop-up in Miami Beach earlier this year that drew 10,000 shoppers in a single day.

Massaro has been teaching at the Fashion Institute of Technology for nearly three decades, and "when I first started, I would be so impressed at how the students would dress up for school," she recalls. "They would really show how fashionable they were."

Some still do. "But the big change that I've seen is comfort dressing," Massaro says. Now, even members of the faculty sometimes come to campus in hoodies.

COURTESY OF GOAT USA

Sweatshirts by brands such as GOAT USA, seen above, have become youth status symbols. GOAT's popular "OG" hoodie retails for $65.

FAMILY PHOTO

From left, Gemma, Michael, Heather, Henry and Joanne Bifulco. Gemma and Henry both have ample hoodie collections.

HEATHER BIFULCO

A selection of hoodies in Gemma Bifulco's closet at her home in Boise, Idaho. Gemma loves the designs of Dandy Worldwide.

It will take more than a parasitic outbreak to keep these fans from Taco Bell

TACO BELL FROM **B1**

threw away fresh green beans after feeling unsure she could cook them to a high enough temperature.

These fears are no doubt fueled in part by a social media algorithm rife with the unescapable phrase "explosive diarrhea," not to mention the sheer scale of the outbreak and people's reactions to it.

Which is what made the scene on a Tuesday afternoon at the Chinatown Taco Bell shocking. Business was booming. That may not necessarily surprise Taco Bell executives, who in an earnings call Thursday for parent company Yum! cited "an increase in positivity and brand love" among loyal fans and noted that sales over the previous four days were "halfway back to sales levels of the prior year." (Taco Bell's same-store sales are, however, down 2 percent so far in the July-September period, the company said.)

Apparently it will take a lot more for people to give up their Crunchwrap Supremes.

At the small Chinatown location, the ordering kiosks were full, and nearly all the tables were occupied. Customers ate lunch with co-workers, chatted over meals and scrolled through their phones. Everything appeared so … normal.

Eating Taco Bell is some people's worst nightmare right now, and yet the chain has been running frequent promotions. One Washington Post staffer even received a push notification from Venmo: "Want Taco Bell? See you at checkout." She politely declined.

They were promoting $1 Enchiritos through the mobile app and $1 Mexican pizzas for one day, menu items that are lettuce-free. Coincidence? We don't think so.

Mariam Muradyan caved for the Mexican pizza deal after seeing an ad on TikTok and recruited her co-worker, Kristie Saieh, to partake.

While Saieh stuffed sauce packets into her bag, she said she was unconcerned, especially after having experienced covid. She was even less bothered because "TikTok is making jokes about it," even if they were cringeworthy comments about wanting to lose weight.

"I'm a little more worried than she is," Muradyan admitted, but she wasn't too anxious about her irresistibly priced order.

As she waited for her food, Muradyan said people should simply pay attention to what they are consuming. Then her order was ready.

"I don't think it is something to freak out about. It is just something to be aware of," Muradyan said before departing with her $1 meal.

It was clear that plenty of similarly brave souls continue to long for Taco Bell's food and prices. Toward the end of lunchtime, employees continuously shouted out order names, and the doors kept swinging open.

Matthew Monfore was among the unfazed diners, quietly scrolling through his phone with an empty Luxe Cravings Box in front of him.

He is a regular at the Chinatown Taco Bell since he works nearby. He said he'd been coming almost every day for the past month.

Monfore hadn't done much research on cyclosporiasis but said he'd mostly heard "political back-and-forth." He said he wasn't concerned and would continue to stick with his routine.

"It's not a perfect system. It's certainly better than it was hundreds of years ago. I eat here almost every day, and I've never gotten sick."

This sentiment is popular among Taco Bell fans on social media, which the company hasn't been shy about embracing.

Monfore's bottom line: Outbreaks like this happen, no food chain is immune, and he simply doesn't care when it comes to his Taco Bell loyalty.

"It's fast, it's cheap, and there's free refills."

TACO BELL
TACO BELL
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MAXINE WALLACE/THE WASHINGTON POST

Business was brisk at the Taco Bell Cantina in Washington's Chinatown neighborhood last week, despite the cyclosporiasis outbreak.

With his 23rd studio album, Too $hort is breaking the rules

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You recently turned 60, but you're still releasing albums, touring and influencing the culture. When you first started selling homemade tapes on the streets of Oakland, did you ever imagine you'd still be doing this more than four decades later?

At the age of 14 or 15, my mentality was, "Let people hear this music. We're going to rock some house parties and high school dances and sell some tapes to fans in the streets." When I got my foot in the door, I knew this was going to be my job. It was always "till the wheels fall off." It was never, "Let's do this for 30 or 40 years."

I've always said the day hip-hop is no longer my job is probably the day I'll stop. But the love I have for hip-hop won't allow me to stop recording. I've never taken a long break. I've continuously been in the studio, continuously doing shows. I just keep it going because it's my job.

Why do you think you've remained relevant when so many careers have come and gone?

I truly love making music. It's never felt like work. I could have stopped after "Blow the Whistle" and been like, "Story told." But somebody's got to go out into these uncharted waters and blaze the trail.

Look at E-40, Snoop Dogg, Fat Joe and the other guys who kept going after the kids were grown and the grandkids were on the way.

Who laid the rule down that in hip-hop you gotta stop at 40? Every milestone they said was old. First it was 30, then it was 40, then it was 50. Now we got senior citizen rappers, and this ... is real.

Hip-hop is entering the place where jazz, blues and R&B have older artists who are still performing and recording. We should too.

Twenty years after its release, "Blow the Whistle" is still played everywhere from NBA arenas to the Olympics. Why do you think that record has endured?

I don't know if you could give me the ingredients and tell me how to do it again; I don't think I could. It had to happen organically. I give Lil Jon a lot of credit because he's made a lot of songs we've loved since the day they came out.

We make good music together, and that's why I'm excited for people to hear what we're still doing 30 years after we first worked together.

This album reunites you with Lil Jon, but it also features work from his late son, Slade, who died in February. What did that collaboration mean to you?

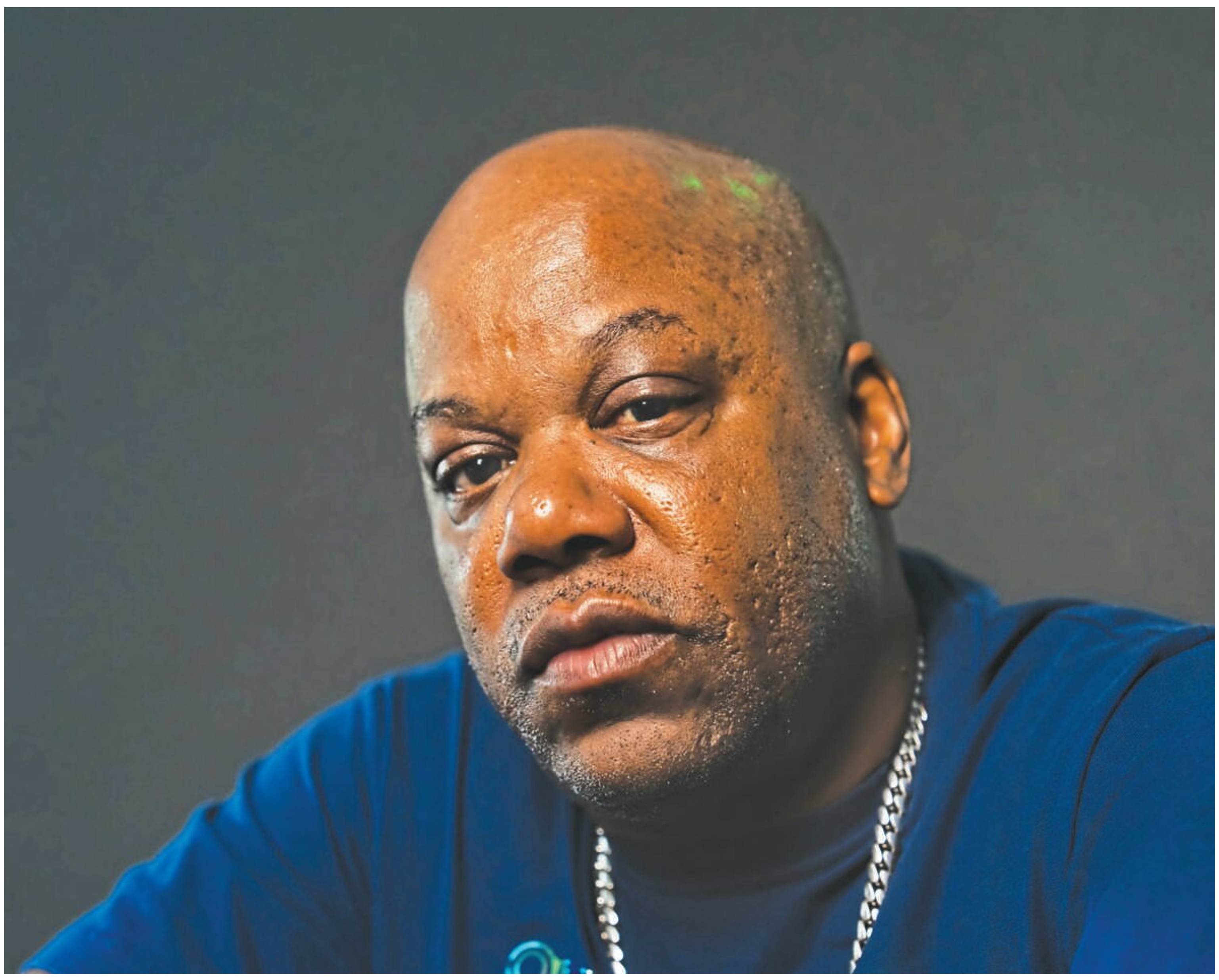
His son died after we finished recording. We had actually done about twice as many songs as ended up on this project.

I saw how it affected Jon, and I had recently lost my brother, so I knew that feeling of loss. The whole time, Slade was producing or co-producing a lot of the tracks I was working on. The first thing that came to me was that I'd be more than proud to be part of his son's legacy and give something to the world that would help him live forever.

Jon keeps saying, "Slade's legacy," and I'm just trying to be a part of that and show the world we lost another good, talented person.

You and E-40 celebrated Bay Area hip-hop together during your 2020 Verzuz appearance. Fans still love seeing you two together. Would you ever team up again, whether for another Verzuz, a tour or something else

We did one in 2020, but it wasn't a battle. We had a good time. We did a lot of laughing, a lot of togetherness. I didn't want to battle 40 then, and I don't want to battle him now. That's my best friend in hip-hop. I'd sign up for me and 40 against anybody. That'd be fun. They haven't had two groups. ... I put that out there: Who wants to battle Too $hort and E-40 in Verzuz?



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The Oakland hip-hop pioneer's latest album, produced entirely by longtime collaborator Lil Jon, was released Friday.

Unsure how to mend broken sibling relationship after favoritism caused rift

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: We have a sibling in our family who was clearly one parent's favorite and got far more than the rest of us, not only emotionally but materially. When Parent did this, Parent would rub it in our faces and then demand to know why we weren't happier for Sib. It felt like emotional waterboarding.

Sib also feels that need to share harsh and unkind observations, and is accustomed to having the rest of us "be the bigger person" or "let it go," as we were brought up to do. After getting counseling (thank you, couple of excellent therapists), I've gotten better at calling it out. Your "wow" and "That was a really hurtful thing to say" help, too.

A couple of years ago, though, Sib accused me of something that was not only unkind but also blatantly untrue. Sib had all the evidence to know this was not true but still accused me of going behind their back and plotting to hurt them. I was deeply hurt and massively offended that Sib would think I was capable of any of this, let alone fabricate that I'd actually done it.

Sib, when asked to consider the facts, provided a cursory "I'm sorry if I hurt you" apology, followed by a lot of explanation that they were under stress so I couldn't hold it against them. Sib then whined extensively to favoring parent that I wasn't behaving warmly toward them. Parent tried to extract a promise that I'd work things out with Sib.

I declined to make the promise. A year ago, favoring parent died.

Sib now apparently wants to have a relationship with me but says, "I don't ever want to talk about the past." I just can't do it on those terms.

I think I've forgiven Sib — I understand that all the favoritism very much set them up to feel they were never wrong, and much of my anger is at Parent.

But I also believe forgiveness is one thing but walking back up to the person and saying, "Thank you sir, please sir, may I have another," is an entirely different matter.

My rational mind knows this, but I still suspect I'm being horrifically unfair and unforgiving.

How do I let go of the idea that it's on me to make this right when I have zero trust or affection left?

— *Not Favored*

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Not Favored: Wow. (It's a versatile word.) I'm so sorry.

You do sound remarkably clearheaded about what happened to you, though, so I have only few things to add.

First, yes, you're right that overt favoritism stunts the favorites; have you met many grounded, likable ones?

It's tough to feel any sympathy for the kid getting all the toys, but you're a living reminder that the kids who get handed a crap sandwich every day instead tend to be motivated to get resourceful, get help and get the heck out.

Still, some favorites do recover enough or develop enough self-awareness to see the harm and do the work, too, even to the point of apologizing to the unfavored siblings — so your sib is not without agency. Often it kicks in when they *feel* the costs of being spoiled.

You want to hold your healthy boundaries for your own reasons, end of story ... I'm just saying the unintended consequence of those boundaries could be the wake-up smack your sib feels from hitting that proverbial wall. It's how all the best epiphanies start.

Second, your rational mind has it right: Either you're comfortable with the terms or there's no reconciliation. "I'm open to a relationship, but honest dialogue is the only way forward for me. Let me know if you change your mind." Let it be that simple.

Third, your last sentence is residue from all the years of emotional cluckery, so just erase and ignore.

Nothing about this hinges on responsibility or trust or affection anyway. You're two adults of equal authority deciding what you'll put up with.

Therefore, it's about the offer on the table, no more, no less. You aren't okay with Sib's terms, for reasons, so — you counter with terms you'll accept, which Sib is free to accept or decline.

Subtext, undercurrents and power games, RIP or rest in something.

I hope it works out for you both.

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Is it improper for my daughter-in-law and son to host their own baby shower?

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: My son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child. I broke the happy news to my best friend by telling her she would soon receive an invitation from them to their baby shower.

Instead of being excited and congratulatory, she huffed and said that expectant mothers were not supposed to throw themselves a shower. She proceeded to give a long list of those who, by rules of etiquette, are allowed to throw baby showers.

Well, apparently we broke two rules, because I'm hosting it at our house, which is also a no-no. In this day and age, I thought that it was appropriate for a couple to throw their own shower. Considering that my daughter-in-law is doing all the planning and paying the bulk of the expenses, I see no issue here.

But my friend keeps telling me it's uncouth, and that having men there only makes it worse. So I just wanted the opinion of an expert who is not still living in the 1950s.

Sigh. Miss Manners doesn't know who is worse: those who disdain etiquette, or those who use it as a battering ram.

No, she is not going after you, sad as she is to see the increasing number of people who invite others to honor them. You probably knew of such occasions and therefore concluded that this was acceptable.

Of course etiquette evolves, and an example of its changing for the better is the recognition that men also become parents and should be included in these celebrations. But what is the reason for changing the old rule of friends honoring friends instead of themselves? Fear that they may not? Or, as most people will interpret it, greed?

Either way, there is no excuse for the person you call your best friend.

Friends may or may not choose to honor their friends, but they are not allowed to vilify them. Especially when claiming to be better practitioners of etiquette.

Dear Miss Manners: I've dined with two different men lately — in nice restaurants, not at fast-food chains — and each of them pushed food onto his fork with his finger.

I just don't know how to handle this, especially as each is a nice man who wants to continue a dating relationship. It would be a shame to stop seeing either of them because of poor table manners. How to handle this?

Over just coffee? Which is probably too hot for them to stir with a finger?

Miss Manners hopes that you do not have illusions about furthering romance by correcting a gentleman's table manners. Not a good courtship technique. It's not even an easy marital technique.

The least offensive lesson Miss Manners can devise is to take one of those gentlemen to a really formal (so as not to say pretentious) restaurant as a great treat, and whisper beforehand that it is not the sort of place where one can eat with one's fingers.

It is not to be tried on a first date. Wait until you feel that the gentleman is worth the investment.

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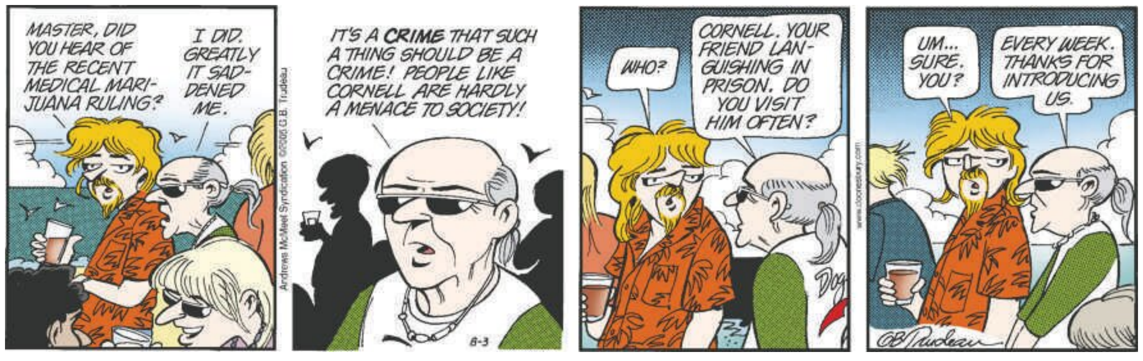
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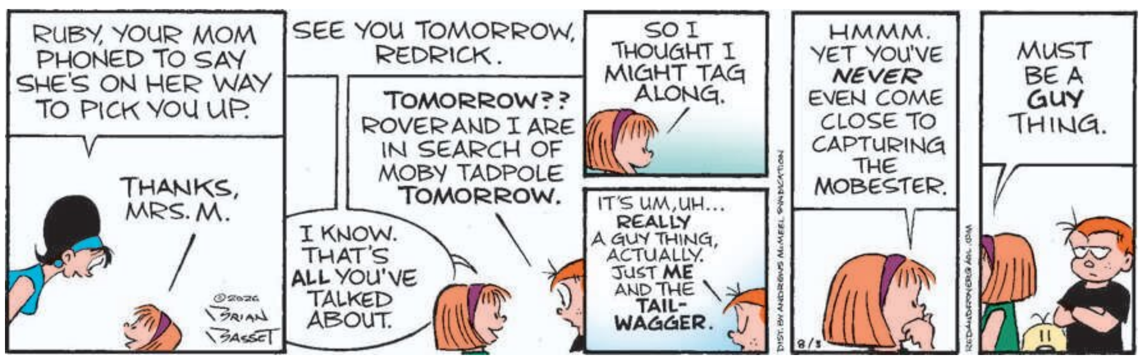
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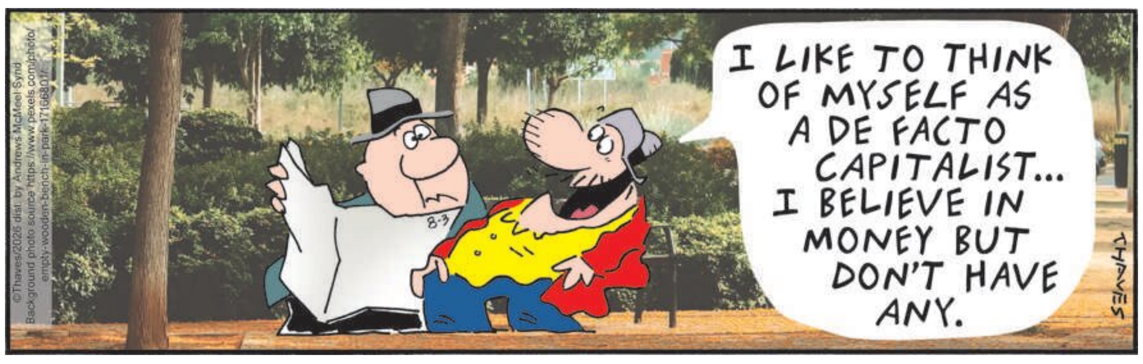
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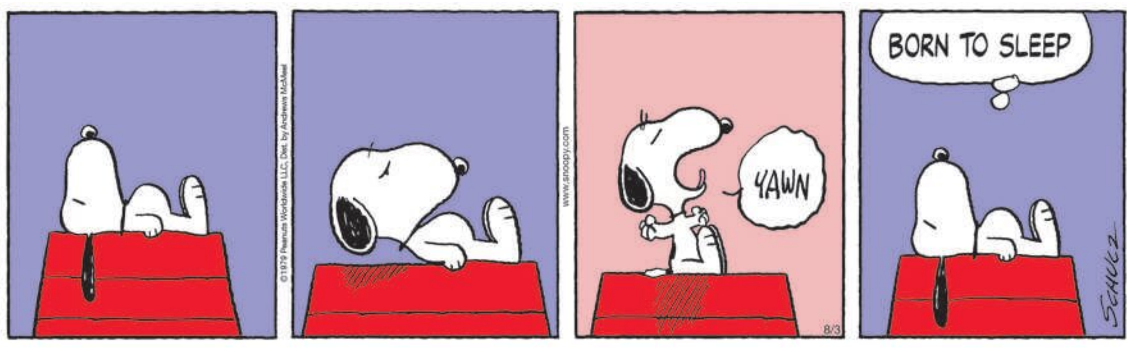
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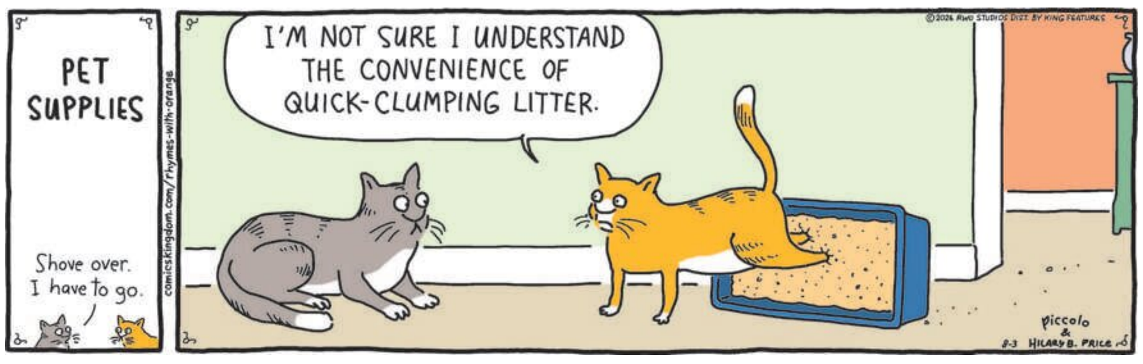
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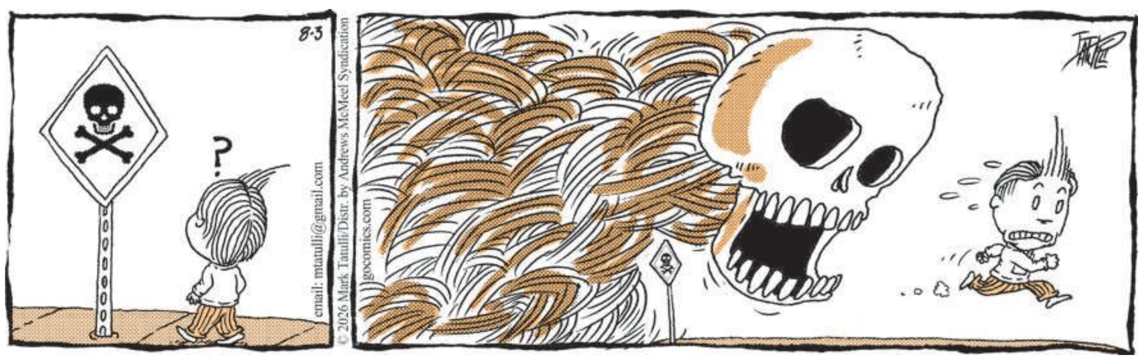
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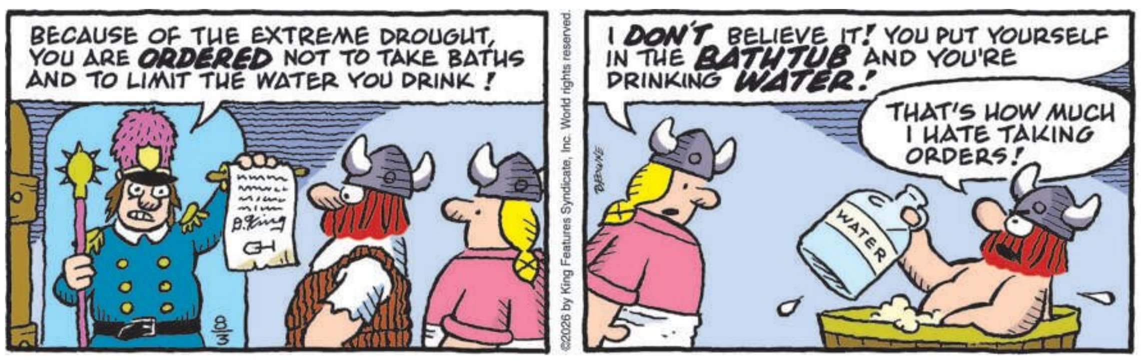
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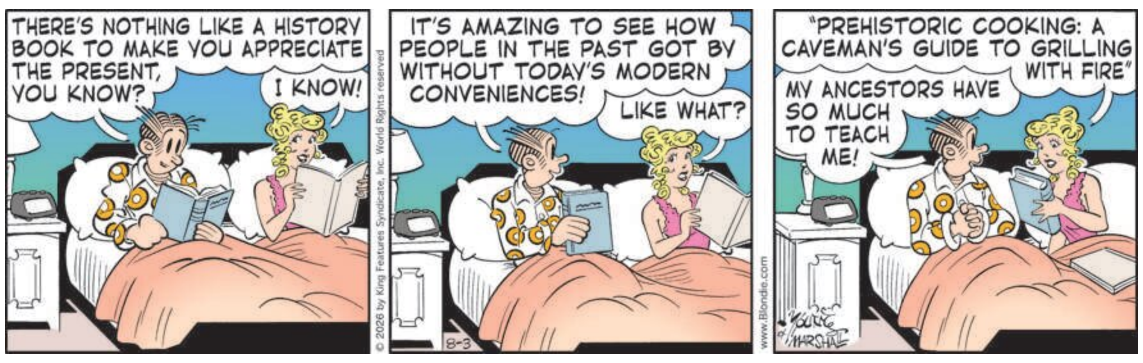
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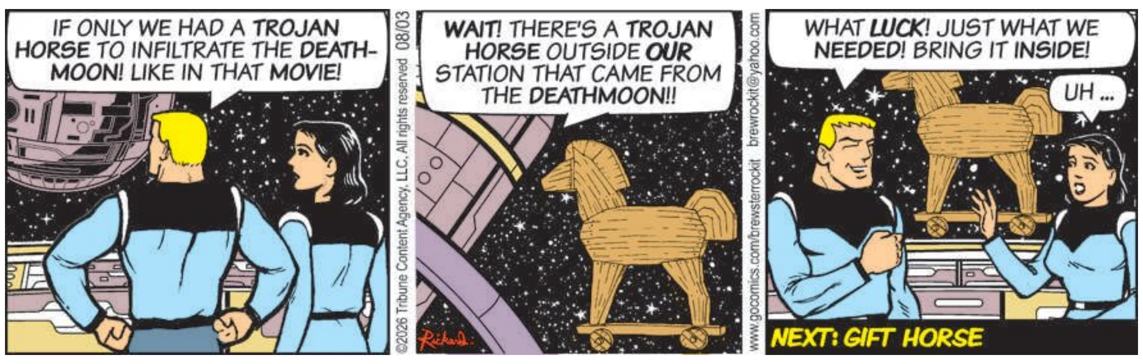
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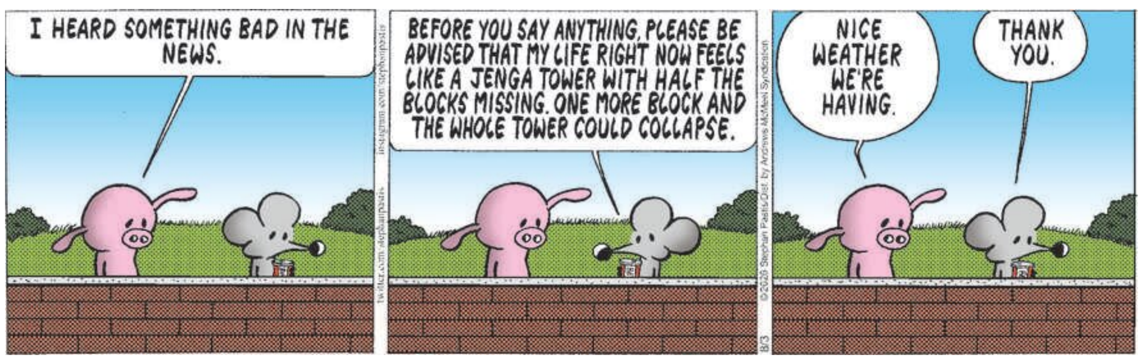
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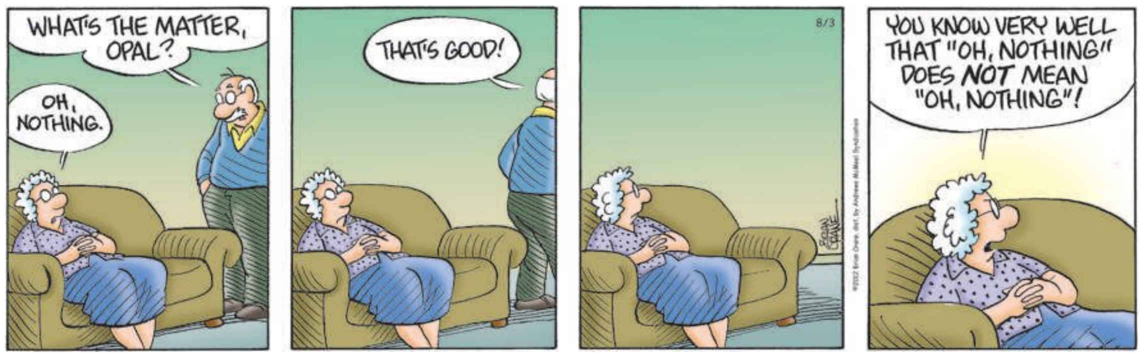
NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING.
THANK YOU.

PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE


WHAT'S THE MATTER, OPAL?
OH, NOTHING.
THAT'S GOOD!
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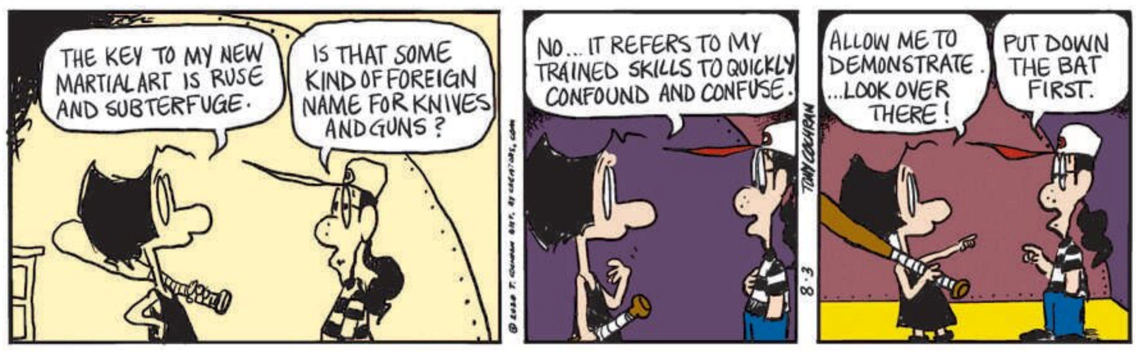
BRIAN CRANE
YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT "OH, NOTHING" DOES NOT MEAN "OH, NOTHING"!

AGNES

TONY COCHRAN


THE KEY TO MY NEW MARTIAL ART IS RUSE AND SUBTERFUGE.
IS THAT SOME KIND OF FOREIGN NAME FOR KNIVES AND GUNS?
NO... IT REFERS TO MY TRAINED SKILLS TO QUICKLY CONFOUND AND CONFUSE.
TONY COCHRAN
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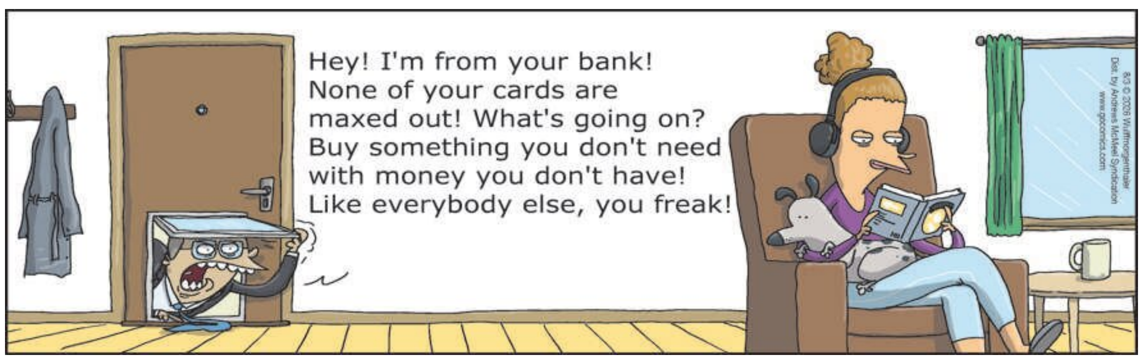
ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE. ...LOOK OVER THERE!
PUT DOWN THE BAT FIRST.

WUMO

MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER


Hey! I'm from your bank! None of your cards are maxed out! What's going on? Buy something you don't need with money you don't have! Like everybody else, you freak!
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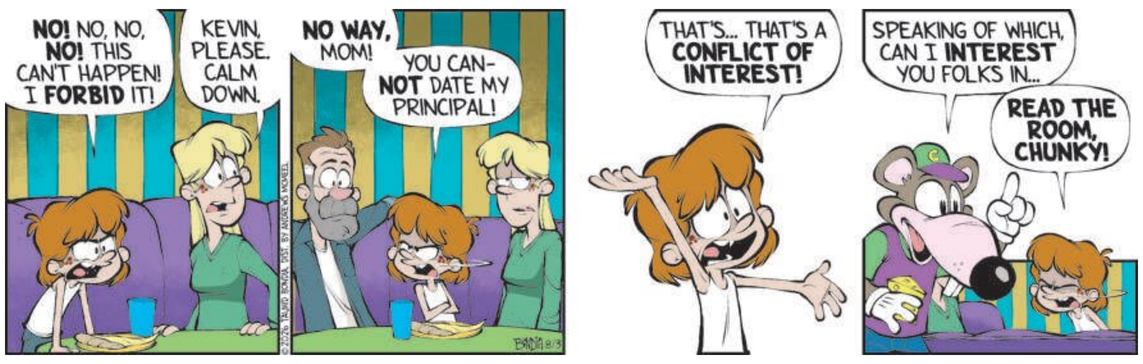
CRABGRASS

TAUHID BONDIA


NO! NO, NO, NO! THIS CAN'T HAPPEN! I FORBID IT!
KEVIN, PLEASE. CALM DOWN.
NO WAY, MOM!
YOU CANNOT DATE MY PRINCIPAL!
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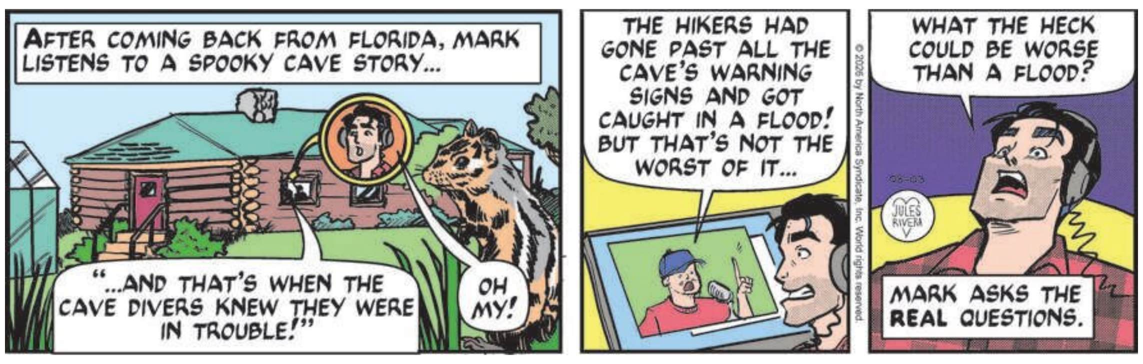
BONDIA 8/3
THAT'S... THAT'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, CAN I INTEREST YOU FOLKS IN...
READ THE ROOM, CHUNKY!

MARK TRAIL

JULES RIVERA


AFTER COMING BACK FROM FLORIDA, MARK LISTENS TO A SPOOKY CAVE STORY...
"...AND THAT'S WHEN THE CAVE DIVERS KNEW THEY WERE IN TROUBLE!"
OH MY!
THE HIKERS HAD GONE PAST ALL THE CAVE'S WARNING SIGNS AND GOT CAUGHT IN A FLOOD! BUT THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT...
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WHAT THE HECK COULD BE WORSE THAN A FLOOD?
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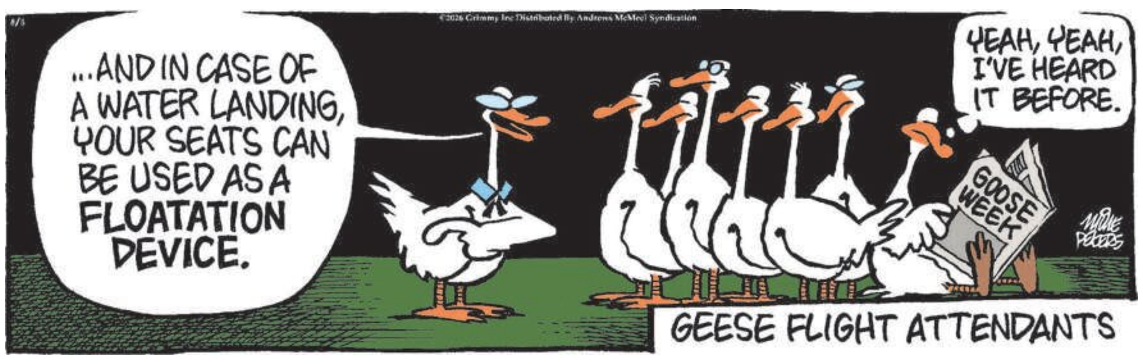
JULES RIVERA
MARK ASKS THE REAL QUESTIONS.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MIKE PETERS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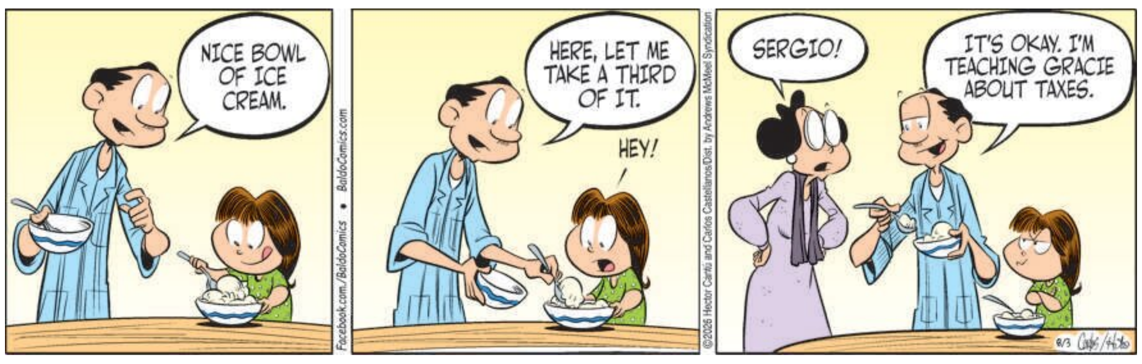
...AND IN CASE OF A WATER LANDING, YOUR SEATS CAN BE USED AS A FLOATATION DEVICE.
YEAH, YEAH, I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE.
GOOSE WEEK
MIKE PETERS
GEESE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

BALDO

HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS


NICE BOWL OF ICE CREAM.
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HERE, LET ME TAKE A THIRD OF IT.
HEY!
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SERGIO!
IT'S OKAY. I'M TEACHING GRACIE ABOUT TAXES.
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SALLY FORTH

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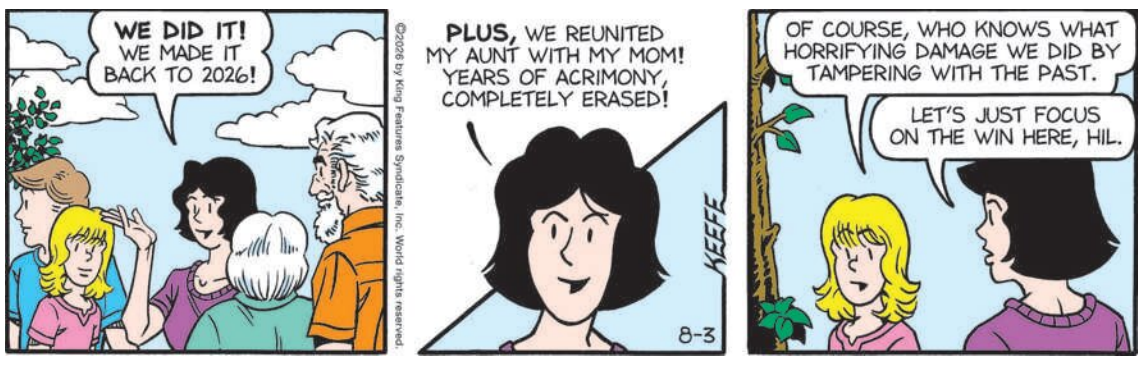
WE DID IT! WE MADE IT BACK TO 2026!
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PLUS, WE REUNITED MY AUNT WITH MY MOM! YEARS OF ACRIMONY, COMPLETELY ERASED!
KEEFE
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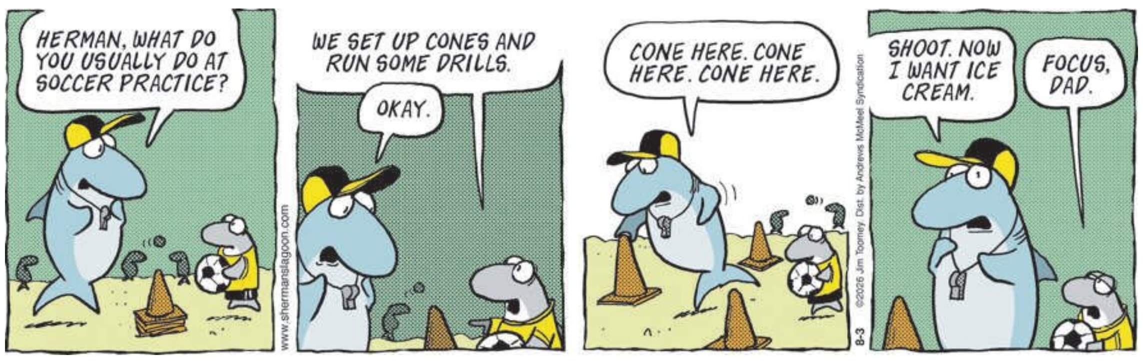
OF COURSE, WHO KNOWS WHAT HORRIFYING DAMAGE WE DID BY TAMPERING WITH THE PAST.
LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THE WIN HERE, HIL.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

JIM TOOMEY


HERMAN, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO AT SOCCER PRACTICE?
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WE SET UP CONES AND RUN SOME DRILLS.
OKAY.
CONE HERE. CONE HERE. CONE HERE.
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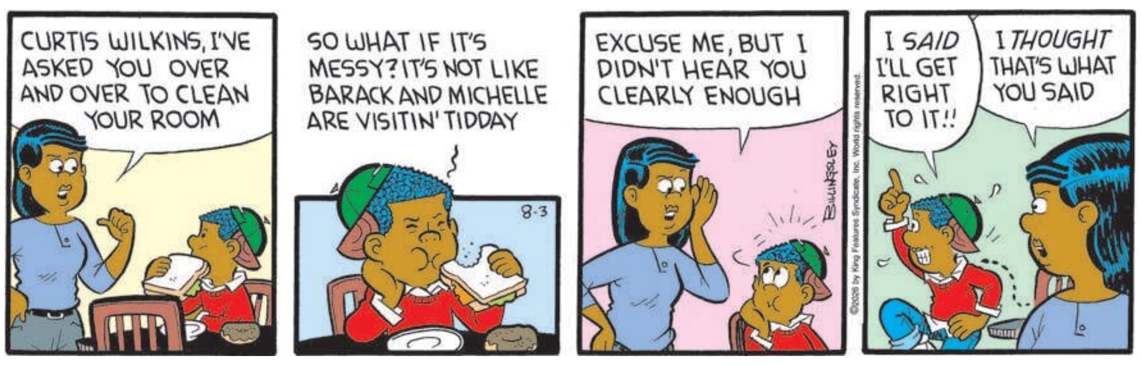
SHOOT. NOW I WANT ICE CREAM.
FOCUS, DAD.

CURTIS

RAY BILLINGSLEY


CURTIS WILKINS, I'VE ASKED YOU OVER AND OVER TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM
SO WHAT IF IT'S MESSY? IT'S NOT LIKE BARACK AND MICHELLE ARE VISITIN' TIDDAY
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EXCUSE ME, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR YOU CLEARLY ENOUGH
BILLINGSLEY
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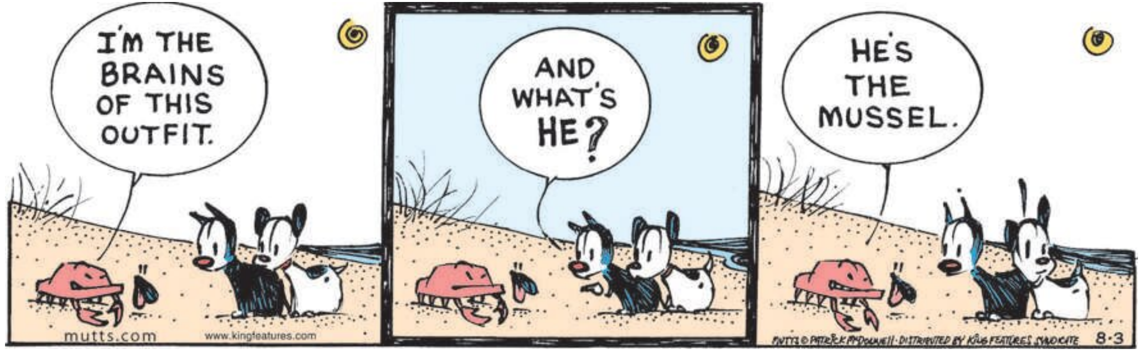
I SAID I'LL GET RIGHT TO IT!!
I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID

MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL


I'M THE BRAINS OF THIS OUTFIT.
AND WHAT'S HE?
HE'S THE MUSSEL.
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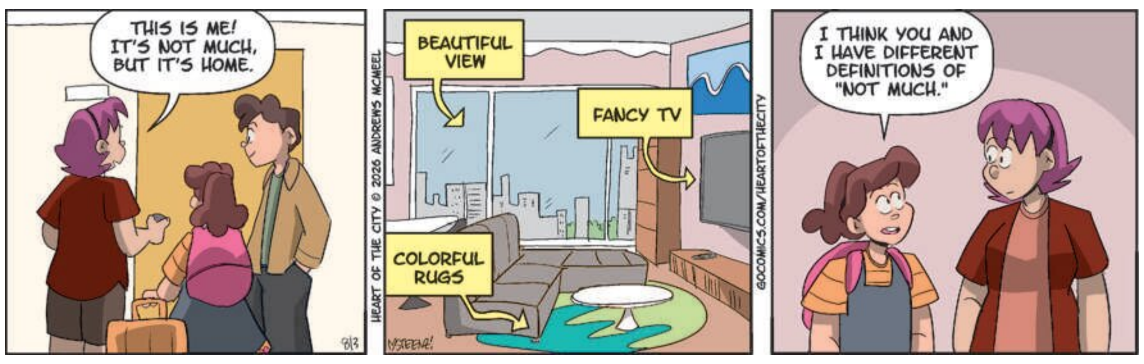
HEART OF THE CITY

STEENZ


THIS IS ME! IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT'S HOME.
BEAUTIFUL VIEW
FANCY TV
COLORFUL RUGS
I THINK YOU AND I HAVE DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF "NOT MUCH."
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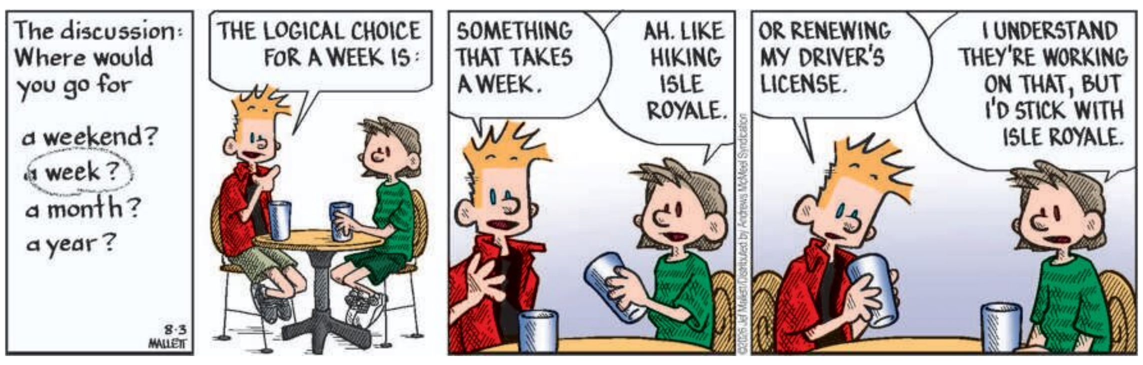
FRAZZ

JEF MALLETT


The discussion: Where would you go for
a weekend?
a week?
a month?
a year?
THE LOGICAL CHOICE FOR A WEEK IS:
SOMETHING THAT TAKES A WEEK.
AH. LIKE HIKING ISLE ROYALE.
OR RENEWING MY DRIVER'S LICENSE.
I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE WORKING ON THAT, BUT I'D STICK WITH ISLE ROYALE.
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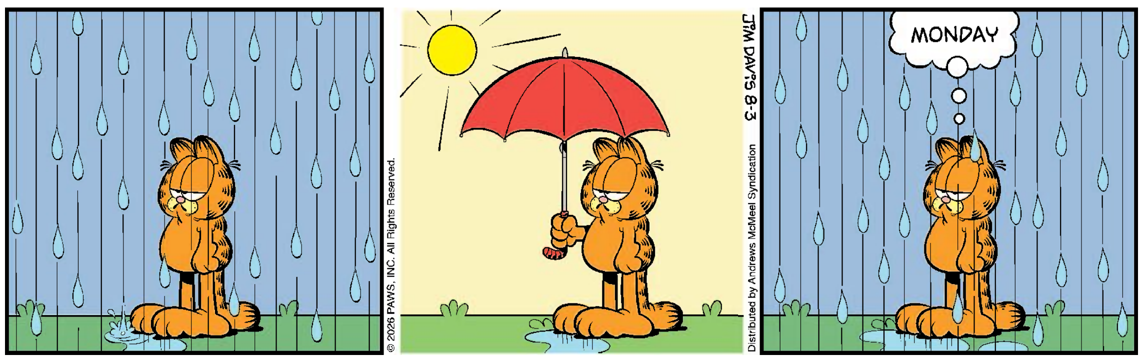
GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS


MONDAY
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DUSTIN

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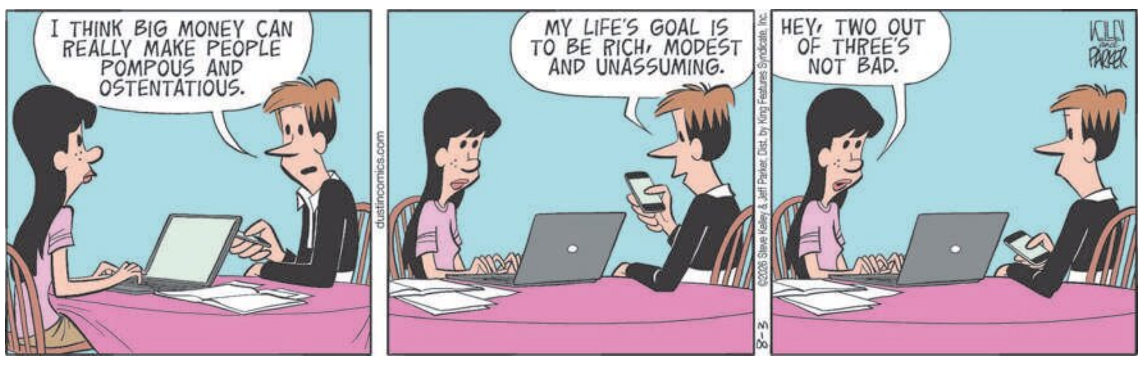
I THINK BIG MONEY CAN REALLY MAKE PEOPLE POMPOUS AND OSTENTATIOUS.
MY LIFE'S GOAL IS TO BE RICH, MODEST AND UNASSUMING.
HEY, TWO OUT OF THREE'S NOT BAD.
KELLEY AND PARKER
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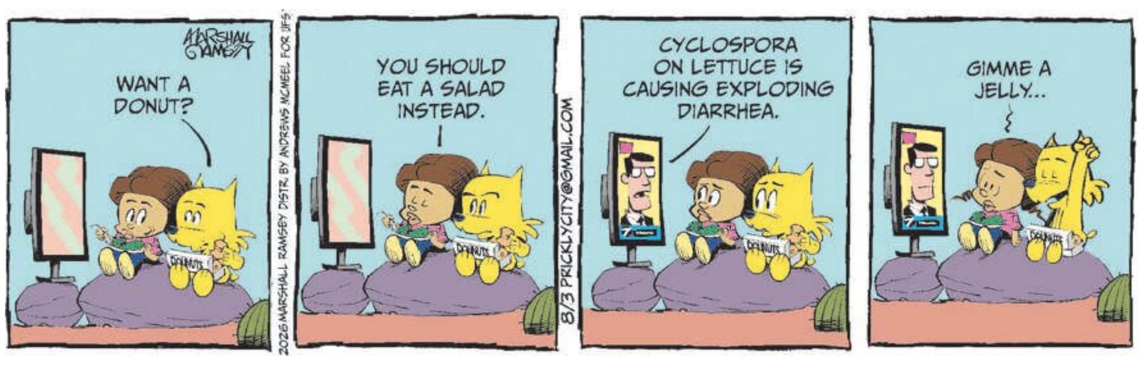
PRICKLY CITY

MARSHALL RAMSEY


WANT A DONUT?
YOU SHOULD EAT A SALAD INSTEAD.
CYCLOSPORA ON LETTUCE IS CAUSING EXPLODING DIARRHEA.
GIMME A JELLY...
DONUTS
MARSHALL RAMSEY
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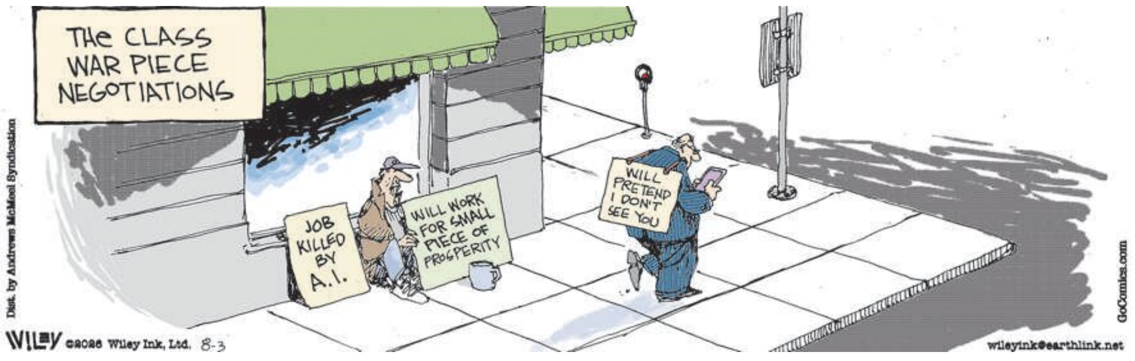
The CLASS WAR PIECE NEGOTIATIONS
JOB KILLED BY A.I.
WILL WORK FOR SMALL PIECE OF PROSPERITY
WILL PRETEND I DON'T SEE YOU
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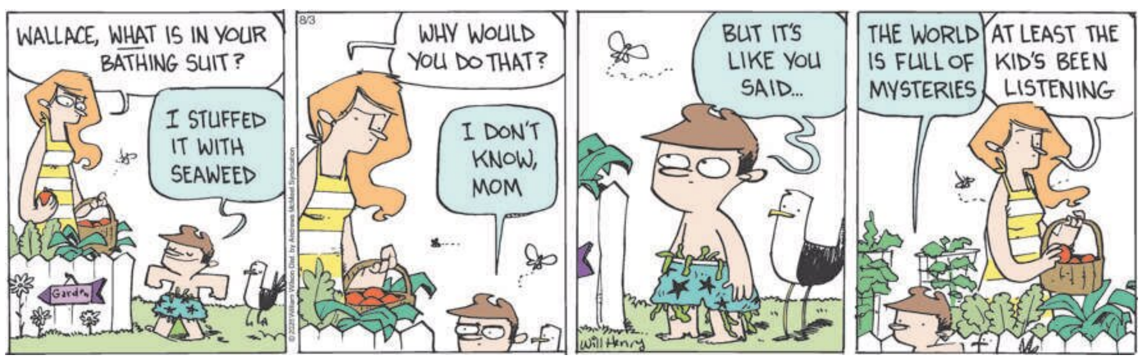
WALLACE THE BRAVE

WILL HENRY


WALLACE, WHAT IS IN YOUR BATHING SUIT?
I STUFFED IT WITH SEAWEED
Garden
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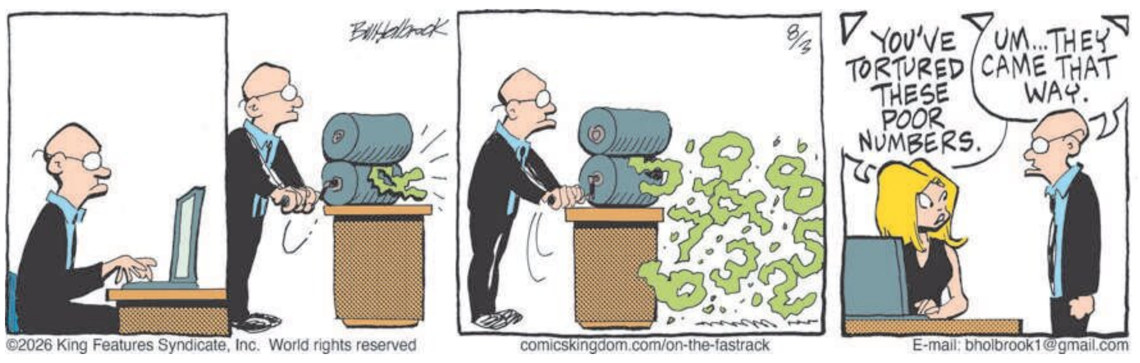
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, MOM
BUT IT'S LIKE YOU SAID...
THE WORLD IS FULL OF MYSTERIES
AT LEAST THE KID'S BEEN LISTENING
Will Henry

ON THE FASTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK


Bill Holbrook
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YOU'VE TORTURED THESE POOR NUMBERS.
UM...THEY CAME THAT WAY.

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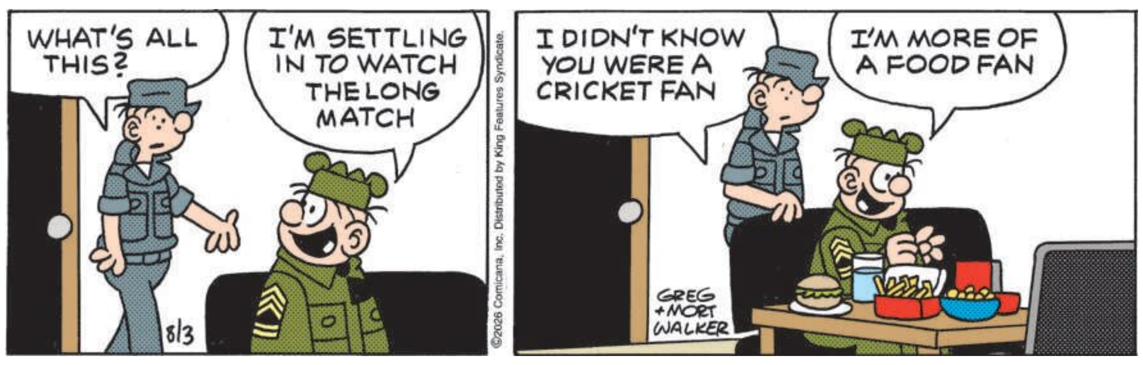
BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER


WHAT'S ALL THIS?
I'M SETTLING IN TO WATCH THE LONG MATCH
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I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A CRICKET FAN
I'M MORE OF A FOOD FAN
GREG + MORT WALKER
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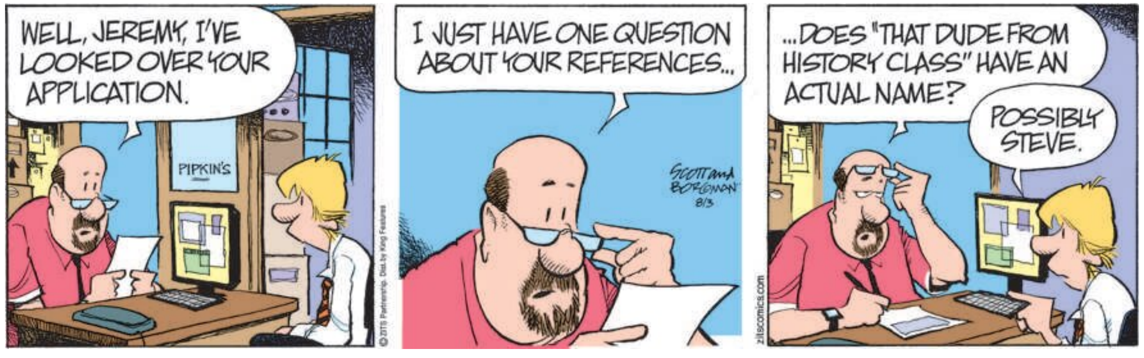
WELL, JEREMY, I'VE LOOKED OVER YOUR APPLICATION.
PIPKIN'S
I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION ABOUT YOUR REFERENCES...
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...DOES "THAT DUDE FROM HISTORY CLASS" HAVE AN ACTUAL NAME?
POSSIBLY STEVE.
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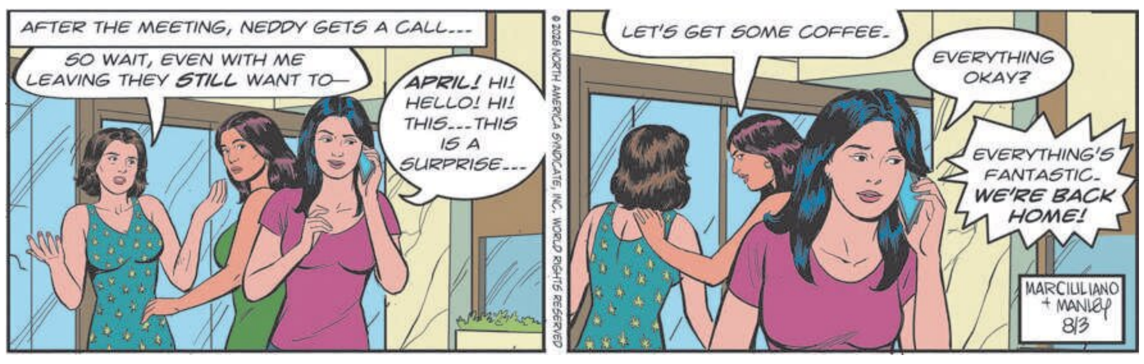
AFTER THE MEETING, NEDDY GETS A CALL...
SO WAIT, EVEN WITH ME LEAVING THEY STILL WANT TO—
APRIL! HI! HELLO! HI! THIS...THIS IS A SURPRISE...
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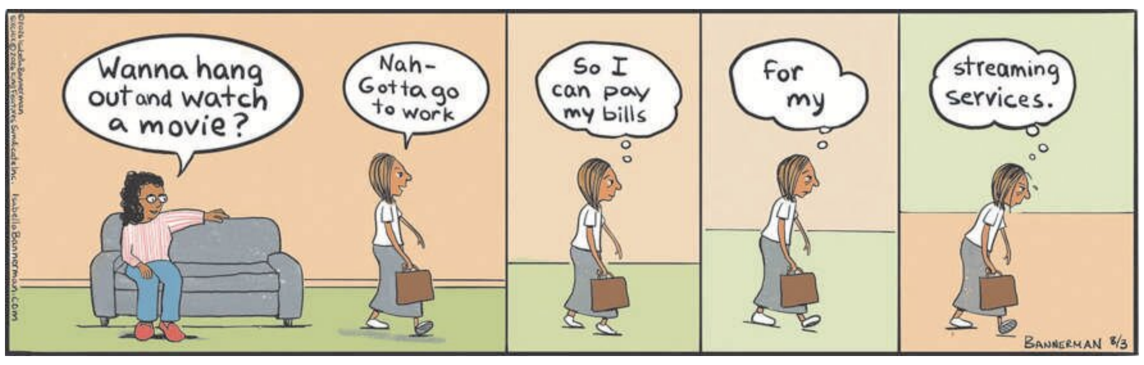
LET'S GET SOME COFFEE.
EVERYTHING OKAY?
EVERYTHING'S FANTASTIC. WE'RE BACK HOME!
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 8/3

SIX CHIX

BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


Wanna hang out and watch a movie?
Nah- Gotta go to work
So I can pay my bills
For my
streaming services.
BANNERMAN 8/3
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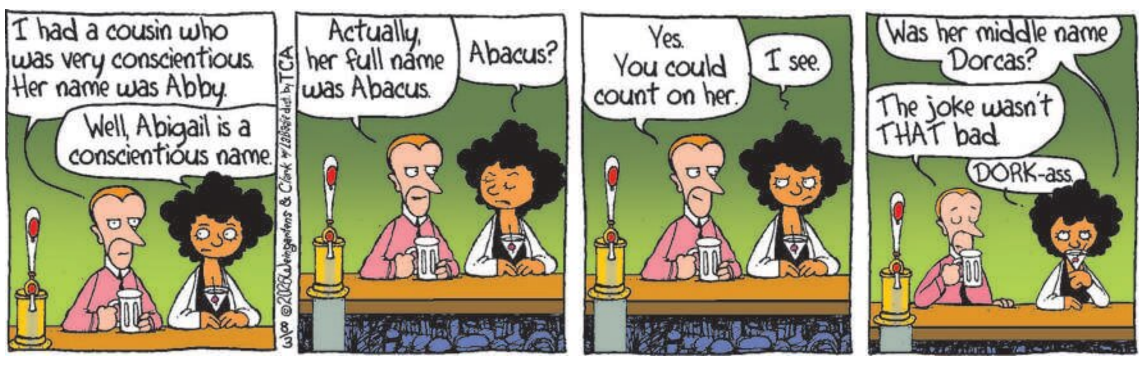
BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK


I had a cousin who was very conscientious. Her name was Abby.
Well, Abigail is a conscientious name.
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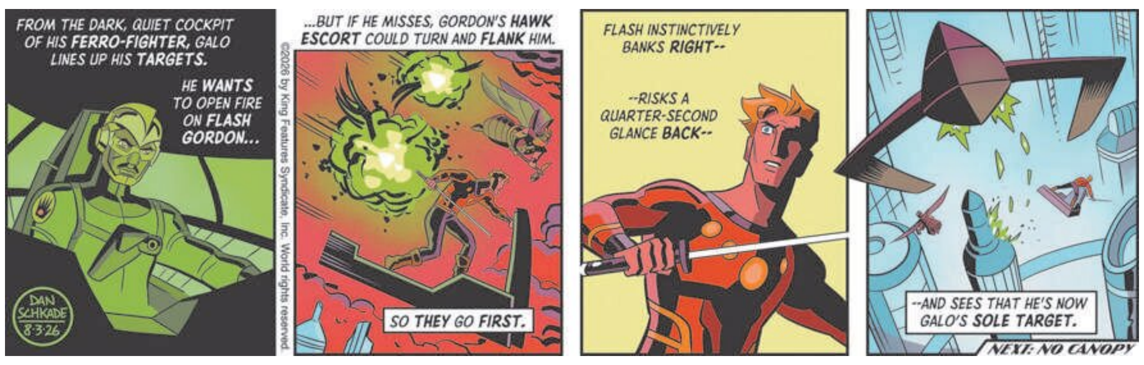
Actually, her full name was Abacus.
Abacus?
Yes. You could count on her.
I see.
Was her middle name Dorcas?
The joke wasn't THAT bad.
DORK-ass.

FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE


FROM THE DARK, QUIET COCKPIT OF HIS FERRO-FIGHTER, GALO LINES UP HIS TARGETS.
HE WANTS TO OPEN FIRE ON FLASH GORDON...
DAN SCHKADE 8·3·26
...BUT IF HE MISSES, GORDON'S HAWK ESCORT COULD TURN AND FLANK HIM.
SO THEY GO FIRST.
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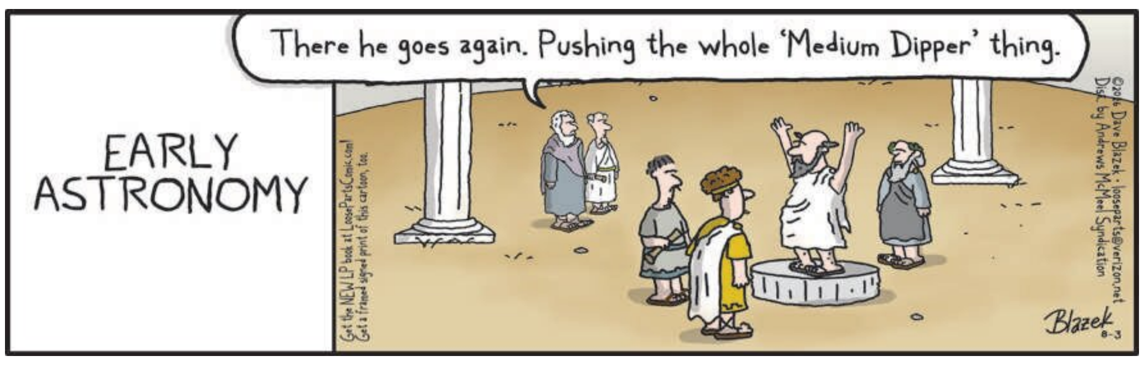
FLASH INSTINCTIVELY BANKS RIGHT--
--RISKS A QUARTER-SECOND GLANCE BACK--
--AND SEES THAT HE'S NOW GALO'S SOLE TARGET.
NEXT: NO CANOPY

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK


EARLY ASTRONOMY
There he goes again. Pushing the whole 'Medium Dipper' thing.
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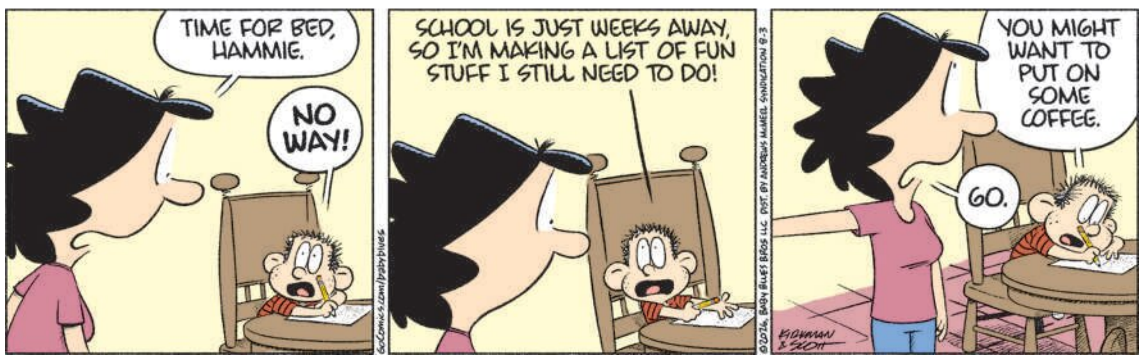
BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT


TIME FOR BED, HAMMIE.
NO WAY!
SCHOOL IS JUST WEEKS AWAY, SO I'M MAKING A LIST OF FUN STUFF I STILL NEED TO DO!
YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT ON SOME COFFEE.
GO.
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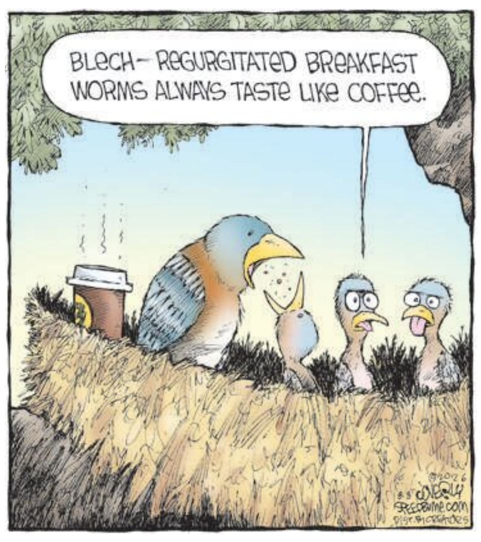
DAVE COVERLY


BLECH— REGURGITATED BREAKFAST WORMS ALWAYS TASTE LIKE COFFEE.
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DENNIS THE MENACE

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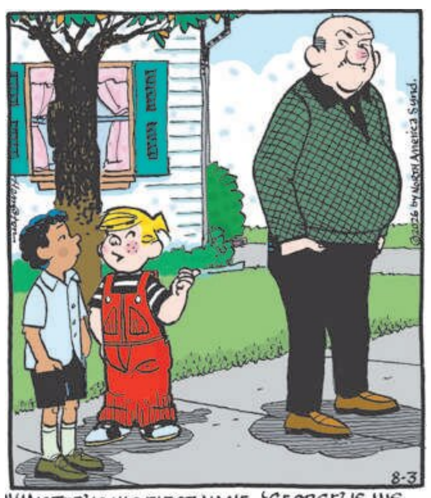
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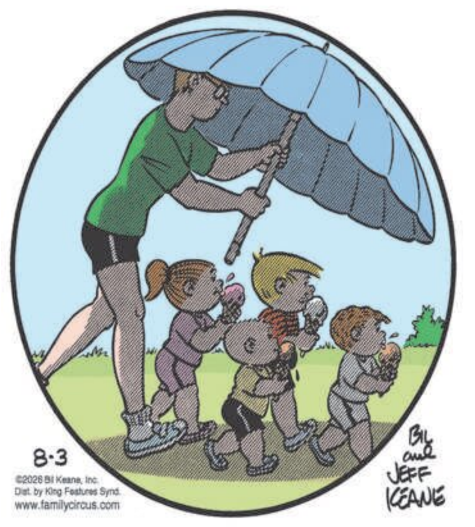
"'MISTER' IS HIS FIRST NAME. 'GEORGE' IS HIS MIDDLE NAME, AND 'WILSON' IS HIS LAST NAME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

BIL KEANE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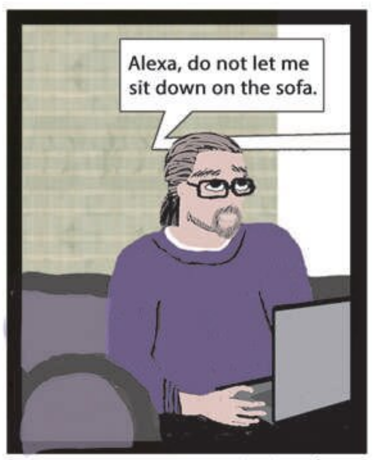
Alexa, do not let me sit down on the sofa.

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4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	◆ **Fox 5**	◆ **TMZ**	◆ The 1% Club		◆ The Quiz With Balls		◆ **Fox 5 at 10**		◆ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ Wheel	◆ Jeopardy!	◆ **Dancing With-Stars**		◆ Who Wants to Be		◆ Celebrity Fam.		◆ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ Inside	◆ **ET**	◆ Neighbor	◆ Neighbor	◆ FBI		◆ CIA		◆ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆ **Rosa**		◆ **Tan cerca**		◆ **Guardián d**		◆ **Corazón de oro**		◆ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆ Family	◆ Family	◆ **Fox 5 News**		◆ Family	◆ Family	◆ MLS Soccer		
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ Direct	◆ Chesap..	◆ Antiques Roadshow		◆ Iconic America		◆ **POV**		
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆ **PBS News Hour**		◆ Antiques Roadshow		◆ Sig. Dish	◆ Out-To..	◆ **POV**		
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ White	◆ Roadtrip	◆ Workin'	◆ NeighFav	◆ Legacy Series		◆ Here	◆ Decades	◆ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆ Friends	◆ Friends	◆ **All American**		◆ Penn & Teller		◆ **DC News Now**		◆ Neighbor
66.1 WPXW (ION)	◆ Chicago P.D.		◆ Chicago P.D.		◆ Chicago P.D.		◆ Chicago P.D.		◆ Chicago
A&E	Late Night Law		Late Night Law		Late Night Law		**Late Night Law** (SF)		NightLaw
AMC	(5:00) Movie: Den of Thieves ★★ (2018)		Movie: Unstoppable ★★★ (2010)				Movie: The Book of Eli ★★ (2010)		
Animal Planet	Expedition File		**Expedition X**		**Expedition Unknown**		**How to Train**		**Grt White**
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		BIG3 Basketball		BIG3 Basketball		Martin	Martin	Martin
Bravo	Below Deck Mediterranean		**Below Deck Mediterranean**		**The McBee Dynasty**		**Watch What**	Next Gen NYC	
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN News.** (Live)		**Laura**
Comedy Central	The Office	(:35) Office	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	Office	Family Guy
Discovery	120 Hours Be.		**Contraband: Seized**		**120 Hours Be.**		120 Hours Be.		Contraba..
Disney	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
ESPN	Baseball Tonight		**MLB Baseball** San Francisco Giants at Texas Rangers (Live)						**SportCtr** (Live)
ESPN2	**2026 Little League Softball World Series** Connecticut vs. TBA (Live)				**2026 World Series of Poker** Final Table				
Food Network	BeatBobby	BeatBobby	Pitmasters		**Pitmasters**		BeatBobby	BeatBobby	BeatBobby
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(6:30) Movie: Lilo & Stitch ★★★ (2002)			Movie: Moana ★★★ (2016) A once-mighty demigod and a teen sail across the ocean.					The 700 Club
FX	(5:30) Movie: Captain America: Civil War ★★★ (2016)				Movie: Spider-Man: Homecoming ★★★ (2017) Peter Parker harnesses his new powers to battle the Vulture.				
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Summer Love (2016)		Movie: The 27-Hour Day (2021)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Movie: Cut, Color, Murder (2022)		Movie: Francesca Quinn, PI (2022) A private investigator searches for her fiancé's killer.				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	(:20) Last Week To.		House of the Dragon		(:05) Life, Larry and	(:45) Movie: The Long Walk ★★★ (2025)			
HGTV	Extreme Buyers Club		Ugliest House		**Ugliest House**		**Crashers**		Worst
History	Modern Marvels		Modern		**Modern**		(:05) **Modern** (SF)		Modern
Lifetime	Dr. Pimple Popper: Breaking Out		Dr. Pimple Popper: Breaking Out		**Dr. Pimple Popper: Breaking Out**		(:05) Dr. Pimple Popper: Breaking Out		(:05) Dr. Pimple
MASN	SportsWrap		Tennis	Tennis	Triton Poker Series		World Poker Tour		Boxing
Monumental	Drive to	Drive to	Drive to	Caps	Beyond the	The Stanley Pup			Caps
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Nat'l Geographic	One Strange Rock		Mission to the Sun		Expedition Mars: Spirit and Opportunity				Mission
Nickelodeon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**		**On Balance**		**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
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Syfy	(5:00) Movie: P...	Movie: Insidious: Chapter 3 ★★ (2015)				Movie: The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare ★★ (2024)			
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TCM	(6:15) Movie: Too Young to Kiss (1951)		Movie: The Bride Goes Wild ★★ (1948)				Movie: You Can't Run Away From It ★★ (1956)		
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TNT	(6:00) Movie: The Martian ★★★ (2015) A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.				**The Librarians: The Next Chapter**		The Librarians: The Next Chapter		Movie: Aquama...
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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PAR SCORE 160-170
BEST SCORE 230

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

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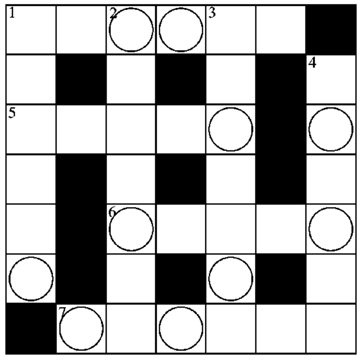

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ Dee	RSNAAD
5. Honorable	LEBON
6. Dens, hideouts	RLSIA
7. Slow tempo	DIOAGA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Submerged	KSNNUE
2. Ate lightly	NBDLBIE
3. Staggering	EREILNG
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BONUS **CLUE:** The woman known as ____ ____ was born Esther Pauline Lederer.

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How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Sandra 5A-Noble 6A-Lairs 7A-Adagio 1D-Sunken 2D-Nibbled 3D-Reeling 4D-Fresco B-Ann Landers

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BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 3: You're focused, courageous and energetic. You're also adventurous, impulsive and self-disciplined. This is a fun-loving year. Your zest for life is at a pinnacle! Enjoy socializing with others. Nurture the happiness and beauty you have within. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Have fun!

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aries.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
This is a lovely day for you! The Moon is in Aries dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter and the Sun. It is also lined up with gentle Neptune, making you empathetic and tuned in to your surroundings. You feel warm and friendly to everyone and concerned for their welfare.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
This is a feel-good day! You'll enjoy time spent alone in private moments or solitude because you're sensitive to the problems of others today. This will heighten your feelings of compassion and encourage you to be helpful to someone in need. Enjoy relaxing at home.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
You're interested in the world today! You want to know what's going on, and you want to talk to others. In particular, you might feel sympathetic about a friend or a group, which, in turn, might prompt you to become involved in a charitable organization. Your Spidey sense is also heightened today.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
People notice you today. You can use this to your advantage if you want to set an example, especially an example that is caring, compassionate and generous to others. You also feel confident about your finances today. You might shop for something big!

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Your desire to expand your world is strong today. Not only are you interested in travel, you're also interested in big ideas and making progress through medicine or the law in a way that benefits others. Because your idealism is aroused, you want to help people in need.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You're happy to work alone or behind the scenes today. Nevertheless, you might do fundraising or use the wealth and resources of someone else to benefit others. With Mars high in your chart, your ambition is aroused. Plus, you're interested in talking to younger people, perhaps to rally your troops.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This is a popular day, and you're eager to schmooze, especially with members of the general public. You might have a strong connection with a partner, spouse or close friend. Your sympathies are aroused, perhaps for someone close to you.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You make a fabulous impression on others today, which is something you can use if you want to persuade someone about something that is dear to your heart. This could be about a charitable cause, or it might be something that is work-related or even related to your health.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Do something different today. You're keen for adventure! This is a marvelous day to schmooze. Accept invitations to socialize. Romantic interests as well as playful times with kids will delight you. You feel particularly concerned about the welfare of children today.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today you might want to help a family member. You're certainly sensitive to the needs of family members right now. You might research ways to get funding or help for someone who needs assistance. Personally, travel and a chance to do something different appeals to you.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're an idealist who is concerned about the welfare of society. Today you might be on your proverbial podium or out there with petitions because you care about a cause. Your imagination is heightened today, which promotes artistic fantasies.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
If you can do something to help others, especially related to your job, you will. You feel sensitive to the concerns and problems of someone. You might be personally generous with your own funds, or look for ways to encourage others to be generous as well.

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ Q

"My wife is dieting," a fan writes. "She says she wants a Coke-bottle figure. I wouldn't care if she looked like a bottle of Gatorade: I just wish she would pay as much attention to her dummy play."

Playing at four hearts, my fan's wife took dummy's ace of clubs and led the king of trumps. West played low, won the next trump and shifted to a low spade: deuce, king, ace.

"My wife drew trumps," my fan says, "and led a diamond. East won and returned a spade, and West took the 10 and queen. If my wife is as bad at dieting as declaring, she'll look like a two-liter bottle of something."

I told my fan I wouldn't relay his comments to his wife, but she goofed. At Trick Two, she must lead a spade to her jack.

When West wins, he has no winning defense. If he leads the ace and a low trump to stop a spade ruff in dummy, South draws trumps and loses a diamond to the ace, setting up a spade discard. If instead West leads a second club, South ruffs her third spade in dummy.

DAILY QUESTION

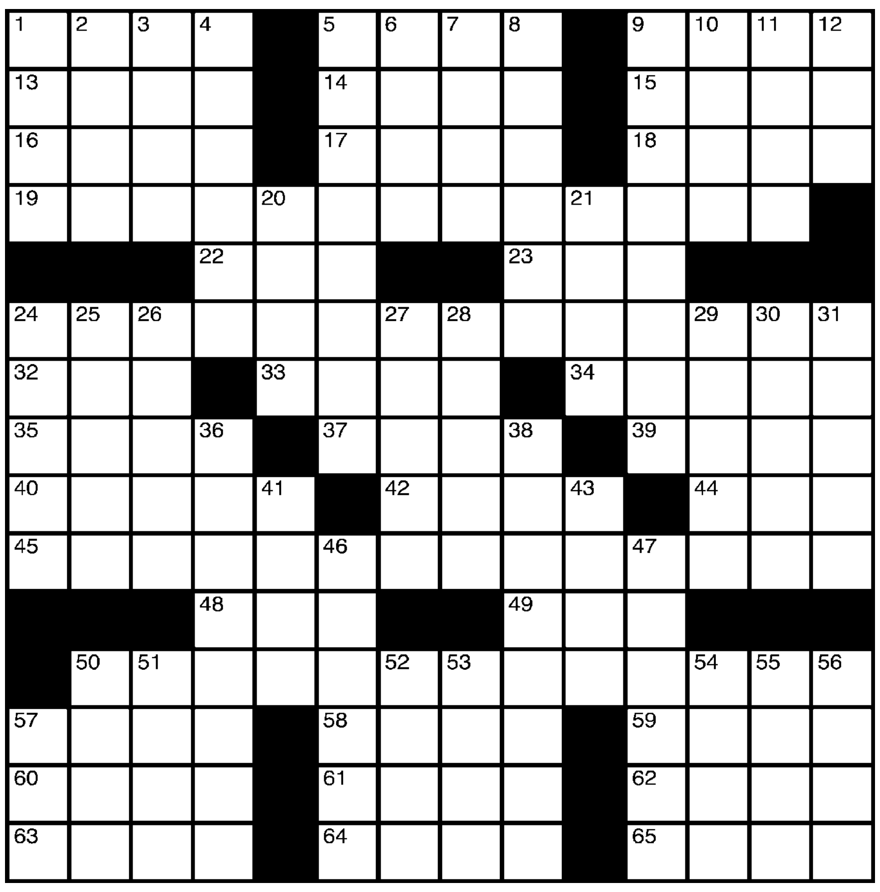
You hold:
♠ 7 2 ♥ K J
♦ K Q J 6 3 ♣ A K 5 4

You open one diamond, your partner responds one heart, you bid two clubs and he returns to two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's preference shows at most 9 points; if he had a weak hand and liked clubs, he might have passed, so his preference is no stronger than a pass. Since you have 17 high-card points, game is possible. Bid three diamonds. Partner may hold 8 5 3, A 9 6 5 4, A 10 7, 8 7.

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Matthew Luter



ACROSS

1 Collaboratively managed website
5 Responded in court
9 Big serving of cake
13 Vows exchanged with rings
14 Ireland, to the Irish
15 Novelist Vonnegut
16 Hamilton bills
17 Landed on a perch
18 Pet aisle brand
19 Long-lived plant native to the Sonoran Desert
22 Young newt
23 __ and paste
24 Places for books that may be borrowed
32 Extra sports periods, briefly
33 "You __ what you sow"
34 Handed out playing cards
35 Clearance rack caveat
37 Prepare to publish
39 Curved line on a musical score
40 Internet access device
42 "__ Diary ..."
44 End of a college email address
45 Anatomical structure that includes bones and joints
48 Lav
49 Driving range prop
50 Bravely stand one's ground, or what 19-, 24-, and 45-Across typically do?
57 Sweetheart
58 One with a superiority complex
59 Hammer, for one
60 Musical based on "La bohème"
61 Off-white hue
62 Woolly mamas
63 Sportsbook figures
64 Monopoly card
65 Fairy __

DOWN

1 Comical wordsmiths
2 Brainstorming product
3 Hong __
4 Credit card provider
5 Partridge's place, in a Christmas song
6 Disney's "__ & Stitch"
7 "Springsteen" country singer Church
8 Disconnect
9 Fruity candy brand
10 Party with poi
11 Sleeve fillers
12 K-pop band also known as the Bangtan Boys
20 Not at all close
21 Prompted, in a theater
24 Fertile soils
25 "There, there"
26 Back of a hit 45 record
27 When repeated, "You know the rest"
28 Sales pitch
29 Parking attendant
30 Dodge
31 Play a ukulele
36 Performances with no empty seats
38 Sensory receptor on a tongue
41 Cat's noise
43 Deli loaves that may be seeded or marbled
46 Threw away
47 12-Down, e.g.
50 __ money: startup funds
51 Appendage often traced to draw a turkey in art class
52 Not often, but not never
53 "What __ can I say?"
54 Des Moines locale
55 Christmas carol
56 "What __ can I say?"
57 Sis's playmate

SATURDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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A turkey, probably bound for slaughter, is now a family pet. C7

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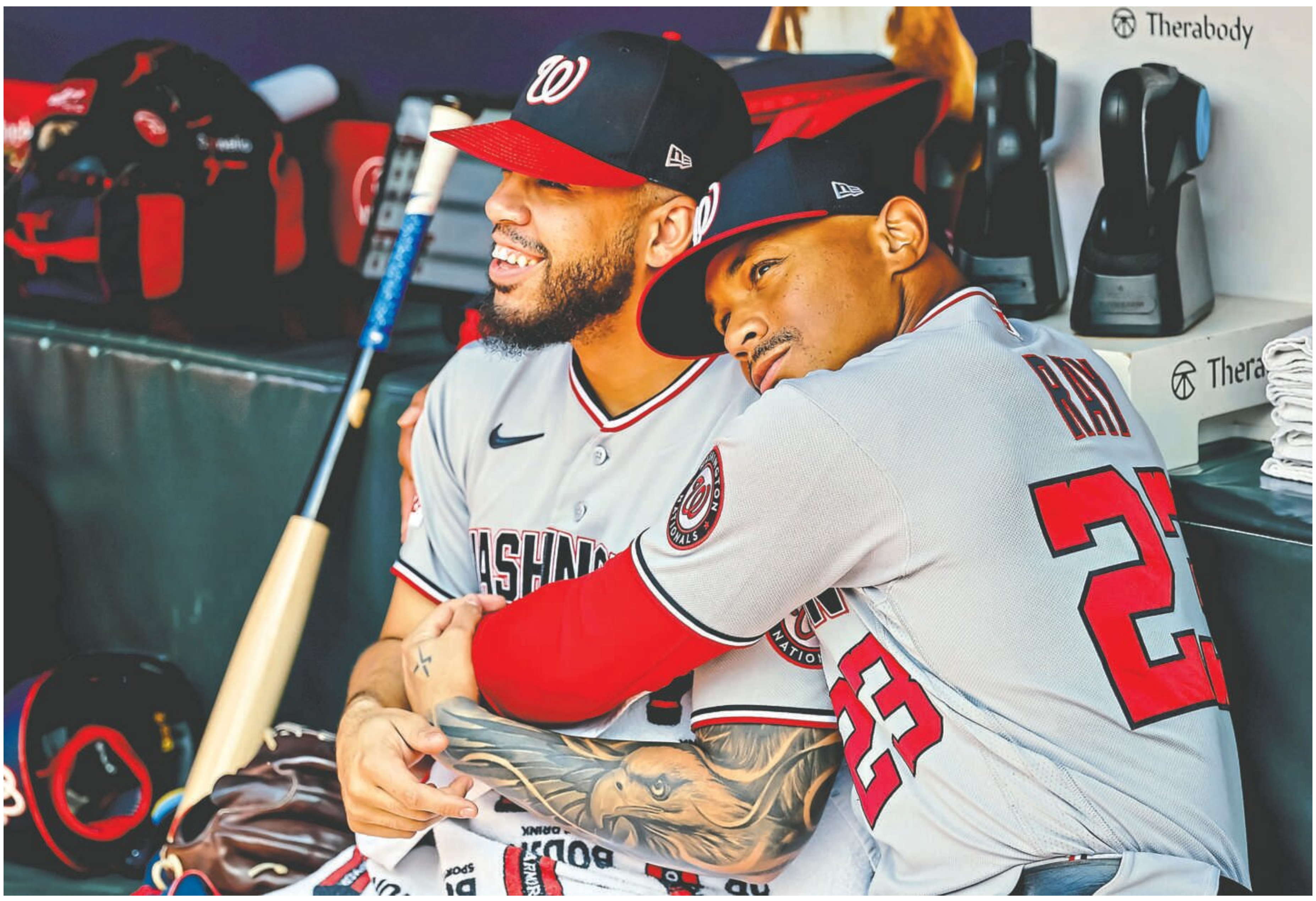

ERIK S. LESSER/AP

First baseman Luis García Jr., left, was pulled from the lineup 30 minutes before first pitch at Truist Park. After the game, the Nationals traded him to the Yankees.

Swept into selling

In another major deal, García goes to Yankees for a package of pitchers

BY DANIELLE ALLENTUCK

ATLANTA — The Washington Nationals dealt veteran infielder Luis García Jr. to the New York Yankees on Sunday, the second major move the team has made ahead of the trade deadline.

Washington received four right-handed pitchers from New York: Jake Bird, Yovanny Cruz, Ben Grable and Jack Cebert.

García, the longest-tenured National, is having a career year, hitting .283 with 23 home runs. But he will be eligible for free agency after next season, and his value probably will never be higher.

"It's a mix of sad and happy," García said through an interpreter after Sunday's 4-2 loss to the Atlanta Braves, when the deal was close. "It's a new chapter of my career. So yeah, it's 50-50 right now."

The Nationals waited until close to the deadline to choose which direction they would go. But a five-game losing streak, which tied a season high and left them three games under .500, made the decision clear. They are sellers now, trading away a key bat and clubhouse leader.

The Nationals are in dire need of pitching depth, and this deal provides reinforcements at the major and minor league levels.

Bird, 30, has major league experience with the Colorado Rockies and

SEE **GARCÍA** ON **C5**

With fifth straight loss — and fourth at Atlanta — Nats are ready to punt

BRAVES 4, NATIONALS 2

BY DANIELLE ALLENTUCK

ATLANTA — On Sunday afternoon, after the Washington Nationals fell to the Braves, 4-2, to seal a four-game sweep, Luis García Jr. made his way through the clubhouse, handing out hugs and packing his belongings.

He had not been traded yet. That would come an hour later, when the New York Yankees acquired him for a package of four pitchers.

The Nationals knew before the game that a deal was close. They scratched García 30 minutes before first pitch and kept him on the bench even when Andrés Chaparro left the game after being hit by a pitch. Brady House took over at first base, his first major league appearance at that position.

García said he told Blake Butera he could go in the game after Chaparro was injured, but Washington's manager had been told not to play him. A potential injury could have diminished García's value or even killed a deal.

"It was weird, uncomfortable, going out to the dugout and having your teammates look at you," García said through a team interpreter.

The five-game losing streak is tied

SEE **NATIONALS** ON **C5**

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Weather delays DC Open finals

Pegula-Eala match was halted in second set; Fritz-Jódar didn't start

BY NOAH WHITE

Some tennis was played Sunday. Some rain came down Sunday. There was more of the latter.

Both were expected entering the DC Open finals, where Jessica Pegula was set to face Alexandra Eala on the women's side and Taylor Fritz was matched up with Rafael Jódar on the men's side. The division of the two variables was the only problem.

After roughly an hour of play between Pegula and Eala — Pegula taking the first set 6-4, Eala responding 2-1 in the second — thunderstorms set in from 4 p.m. to shortly after 9 p.m., when the tournament announced the singles finals would conclude Monday afternoon.

All of that came after the women's final shifted up to start at noon in anticipation of the socked-in afternoon radar. Pegula and Eala took the court, warming up as the clouds shifted above. But as they prepared for first serve, lightning struck in the distance, the crowd dispersed, and Rock Creek Park's William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center settled into a rhythm.

A little less than three hours later, Pegula and Eala retook the court, pushing through the first set and a bit of the second, before the rain once more joined the fray. From there, the sky would clear every few hours. The venue staff came out, sponging and blowing puddles. Fans departed from the property's tent-covered food court, which turned into a FEMA nightmare as hundreds lay across the floor, leaned on food counters and begged kitchen workers for any news.

Yet just as they would go out, the rain would come once more. With thunderstorms projected for the rest of Sunday night, Monday was decidedly best.

The women's final is scheduled to resume at noon. Upon its conclusion, and not before 1 p.m., the men's final will follow.

The 32-year-old Pegula, who won the title in Washington in 2019, is looking for her 12th career singles title on the WTA Tour. Eala, 21, is seeking her first.

Fritz, 28, has earned 10 singles titles on the ATP Tour. The 19-year-old Jódar won his first title in Morocco earlier this year.

DC Open, singles finals
Noon

PERSPECTIVE

For Dodgers, three-peat is inevitable

After blockbuster trade for Tigers ace Skubal, can anyone stop L.A.?

BY BILL PLASCHKE
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Tarik Skubal is a Dodger: The five words every baseball soul outside Los Angeles dreaded hearing.

The Dodgers are going to three-peat: The six words that every baseball soul everywhere must now acknowledge.

It's over. The chase for baseball's best pitcher, the hunt by baseball's best team, the pennant race, the World Series, all of it.

It's over. The Dodgers just stole it all again, three months early but right on time, their third consecutive championship cemented when they traded for the Detroit Tigers' Tarik Skubal, the two-time defending Cy Young Award winner and quite simply the best pitcher in baseball.

Everybody wanted him. The Dodgers were the only team with enough assets to get him. Of course they were. They always are.

And in return, they will surely win a third consecutive championship against a withering and overmatched group of pretenders that could add Skubal only in their dreams.

He cost top prospects Zyhir Hope, River Ryan and Brady Smith. So? The Dodgers have tons of them.

He could be a free agent this winter and may cost $400 million to retain. So? The Dodgers have that much in their couch cushions.

The Dodgers' injury-scarred rotation needed a stud starting pitcher such as Skubal, and as this column noted last month, there was no excuse for the baseball's wealthiest and smartest team not to grab him.

So they grabbed him. Of course they did. They are rushing full bore toward that three-peat, and to the delight of the most appreciative fans in baseball, nothing is going to get in their way.

The rest of baseball will hate them for this. They don't care. Critics will say this is yet another example of how they are ruining the game. They couldn't give a rip.

A move like this — the insanely rich getting insanely richer — could be cited this winter as a reason for the game shutting down over a labor dispute. Not their problem.

With a sore Shohei Ohtani looking increasingly doubtful for a meaningful October on the

SEE **SKUBAL** ON **C5**

PAUL SANCYA/AP

The Dodgers traded for Tigers ace Tarik Skubal to strengthen a roster already loaded with star power.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

SPOTLIGHT: GOLF

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Kuwaki takes Women's British Open playoff

Five Japanese players have won majors on LPGA Tour across past three years

Associated Press

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, ENGLAND — Shiho Kuwaki of Japan saved par to stay alive in a sudden-death playoff Sunday and won with a par on the second extra hole to claim the Women's British Open over Esther Henseleit of Germany for her first major title.

Kuwaki closed with a 1-under-par 70 and looked like a winner as she waited nearly 30 minutes in the scoring room. Henseleit, in the final group, holed a 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Royal Lytham & St. Annes for a 70 to join Kuwaki at 5-under 279.

Henseleit then had the advantage in the playoff when the 23-year-old from Japan was in deep grass short of a bunker and had to lay up short of the green. Kuwaki hit wedge to three feet to save par and got another chance when Henseleit missed a 15-foot birdie putt for the win.

The tables turned on the second extra hole. Henseleit's tee shot on the 18th drifted far enough to the right that it was beneath a gorse bush. She did well to get that back to the fairway and hit wedge to about 12 feet. But her par putt stayed left of the cup, and that left Kuwaki to tap in for par.

"Very happy with how I gave myself the opportunity to win today and how I handled myself. Just got a bit unlucky on the second playoff hole there," Henseleit said.

This is the second straight Women's British Open title for Japan, following Miyu Yamashita's victory last year at Royal Porthcawl. Kuwaki, often known for her fashion, becomes the fifth player from Japan to have won an LPGA major over the last three years.

"I can't believe it," Shiho Kuwaki said through an interpreter after a par putt on the second extra hole at Royal Lytham & St. Annes clinched her first major title.

"I can't believe it," Kuwaki said through an interpreter at the trophy presentation.

The disappointment belonged to third-placed Yealimi Noh (74), the 25-year-old Californian who began the final round with a three-shot advantage until it slowly went away with bogeys. She fell out of a share of the lead with a bogey on the 14th hole. Noh was one shot behind and had two reasonable looks at birdie — with Kuwaki already in the clubhouse at 279 — but failed to convert.

"I told myself this morning, no matter what happens I'm happy to be in this position again," said Noh, who came in having missed three straight cuts. "A couple of weeks ago, I was losing a lot of motivation. This week has helped me feel so much better about my game."

Haeran Ryu fell short in her bid to become the first player since Inbee Park to win three straight majors in one year. The Women's PGA and Evian Championship winner was still in the mix on the back nine. She needed birdies and instead closed with two straight bogeys for a 74 to tie for sixth.

Nelly Korda, the No. 1 player in women's golf and winner of the year's first two majors, started eight shots behind and closed with a 68. She was the leader in the clubhouse for the longest time at 2 under until Kuwaki finished.

Kuwaki, at No. 46 in the women's world ranking, already has won twice this year and is fourth on the money list on the Japan LPGA, the tour that has produced five recent major champions.

"Every hole, I was just focused shot-by-shot," she said, "and just tried to enjoy it out there as much as I could."

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6:40 p.m.	**Washington at Philadelphia** » Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)
8 p.m.	**San Francisco at Texas** » ESPN

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Las Vegas at Atlanta** » Peacock
9 p.m.	**Phoenix at Chicago** » USA Network

SOCCER

4 p.m.	**Africa Women's Cup of Nations, group stage: Senegal at Morocco** » BeIN Sports

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Canadian Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

9 a.m.	**North Carolina vs. Canada** » ESPN2
Noon	**Puerto Rico vs. Japan** » ESPN2
3 p.m.	**Italy vs. Florida** » ESPN2
6 p.m.	**Texas vs. TBD** » ESPN2
9 p.m.	**Connecticut vs. Kentucky** » ESPNU

COLLEGES

New order deals blow to some in Class of '22

The judge who granted the right to play another year of college sports to some athletes whose eligibility ran out last school year issued a new order Sunday that makes clear that does not include football players who signed pro contracts this summer then had a change of heart.

U.S. District Judge **Charlotte Sweeney** responded to an NCAA request for clarity about her Friday ruling that granted a fifth year to athletes who graduated high school in 2022 and were not included in the new NCAA rule that allows five seasons of eligibility for Division I players.

That decision, she said, still stands, but has no impact on other NCAA rules, including its prohibition on players signing pro contracts, then coming back to college.

The ruling, as first written, had the potential to upend the upcoming college football season, where teams are starting camp planning on the "five for five" rule to take effect beginning next fall.

Extending it to players this fall granted hundreds a chance to return to school. In the direct aftermath of the decision, some media reports were listing players on NFL and CFL rosters who were signaling they would be open to returning to school.

But that appears to be off the table after Sweeney's clarification that said there are no changes to the NCAA's rules regarding pros; no exceptions over when athletes can enter the transfer portal; and no impact on elements of the landmark House lawsuit settlement, which dictates how many players teams can put on rosters and how much schools can pay them. …

Former Clemson men's basketball forward **RJ Godfrey** committed to Arizona, potentially filling the biggest hole in Coach **Tommy Lloyd**'s roster.

SOCCER

Spirit falls under Wave, stays second in NWSL

Lia Godfrey scored in the second half, and the Washington Spirit fell to the San Diego Wave, 1-0, at Audi Field, snapping a three-game winning streak.

On a breakaway in the 60th minute, **Trinity Byars** passed to Godfrey, who scored on her first touch despite tight coverage by **Rebeca Bernal**.

Sandy MacIver finished with five saves for Washington (11-4-3), which suffered just its third loss in its past 14 NWSL games and its first home loss since the season opener in March.

The Spirit remains at 36 points through 18 matches. Gotham FC, which beat the Houston Dash on Saturday night, leads the NWSL with 37 points. …

British Prime Minister **Andy Burnham** said FIFA President **Gianni Infantino** should not be leading world soccer's governing body in the latest fallout from the now-abandoned plan to sell stakes in the World Cup to private investors.

"I do not believe that he is the right man to lead football forward on the world stage," Burnham said. "The plan that was put forward was offensive to many people, football people, around the world, and it can't be the case that we just move on and forget that. It wasn't acceptable." …

New England Revolution forward **Jack Harrison** received his U.S. green card and P-1 visa and is now eligible to play, the MLS club said.

PRO BASKETBALL

Efficient Lynx hold on to beat Fever amid rally

Rookie sensation **Olivia Miles** spearheaded an efficient offense with 28 points, **Courtney Williams** added 27, and the Minnesota Lynx won their 10th straight game with a 108-100 victory over the Indiana Fever in Minneapolis.

A rally outside the Target Center pitted supporters of Indiana reserve **Sophie Cunningham**, who told ESPN last week she believed trans girls should not play in girls' sports, against those with the opposite feeling. Minnesota Coach **Cheryl Reeve** wore a shirt that read, "Trans kids belong" and had a pregame conversation with Cunningham, who was booed throughout the game.

The Lynx had a 96-82 lead with 6:41 to play before the Fever, who had scored 100 in a record six straight games, pulled within 100-98 with under three minutes to go. But Miles and Williams both came up with big baskets as Minnesota secured its longest winning streak since 2016.

Napheesa Collier had 18 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Lynx (25-6). **Natasha Howard** scored 13 points and **Kayla McBride** 10.

The Fever (19-11), which had its five-game winning streak halted, was led by **Kelsey Mitchell** with 37 points. It was her fifth 30-point game of the season and 14th straight 20-point game, the second-longest single-season streak in league history behind **A'ja Wilson** (15). …

Jessica Shepard and **Arike Ogunbowale** scored 15 points each, and the Dallas Wings used a big third-quarter run to roll to an 83-63 win over the Connecticut Sun in Arlington, Texas.

Azzi Fudd added 12 points for the Wings (19-11), who ended a two-game skid. **Paige Bueckers** scored just six points, the fewest in a game in her two-year career.

With reserves playing the fourth quarter, Dallas still finished the game at 48 percent shooting, making 7 of 18 three-pointers. Fudd was 4 of 5 on threes and Ogunbowale made 7 of 9 shots with five assists.

Diamond Miller led the Sun (7-23) with a season-high 22 points. …

Janelle Salaun came off the bench to score 24 points, **Veronica Burton** contributed 17 points and six assists, and the Golden State Valkyries used their stingy defense down the stretch to hold off the Toronto Tempo for a 96-79 win in San Francisco.

Gabby Williams and **Tiffany Hayes** scored 15 points apiece in the first of back-to-back matchups between the teams at Chase Center, where a boisterous sellout crowd cheered Golden State (20-9) ending a two-game skid that followed a nine-game winning streak.

Nyara Sabally had 19 points and eight rebounds for the expansion Tempo (10-19), which began a five-game road trip by losing its sixth straight game. …

Dearica Hamby scored 23 points, **Nneka Ogwumike** had 20 of her 22 in the second half, and the Los Angeles Sparks — on a day they learned star teammate **Kelsey Plum** was traded — ended a six-game losing streak with a 106-101 win over the Portland Fire on the road in Oregon.

Plum, sidelined since June 21 with a leg injury, was sent to the Phoenix Mercury late Saturday night for **Monique Akoa Makani**, a 2027 first-round pick and a 2028 second-rounder. The Sparks (11-17) are now 3-9 without Plum.

Bridget Carleton hit seven threes, scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Fire (11-19), which lost its fifth straight.

GOLF

Thorbjornsen prevails at final Rocket Classic

Michael Thorbjornsen made a 26-foot putt for birdie on his last hole to shoot 7-under-par 63 and reach 18 under to win his first PGA Tour title by two shots at the final Rocket Classic.

The 24-year-old Thorbjornsen sealed his spot in the FedEx Cup playoff after rolling into the Motor City No. 69 in the standings. The top 70 advance to the postseason after next week's Wyndham Championship.

Thorbjornsen started the fourth round at Detroit Golf Club three shots behind leader **Davis Riley**, whose rough start opened opportunities for the field. Thorbjornsen took advantage, surging into the lead at No. 14 with his third of four birdies in a six-hole stretch and closing with a clutch, curling putt that went in the right side of the cup.

Thorbjornsen is the eighth first-time winner this season on the PGA Tour and the second straight, following **Jackson Koivun**'s victory last week at the 3M Open.

Xander Schauffele (65) briefly led during the final round and finished second, two shots back. Riley (70) was another stroke behind in third, falling out of the lead with four bogeys. …

Eight of the 12 players for the European Solheim Cup team are now set in stone, with rising star **Lottie Woad** leading the way.

The 22-year-old English player was named to her first Solheim Cup team when the automatic qualifiers locked in following the Women's British Open.

Two players, **Charley Hull** of England and **Esther Henseleit** of Germany, qualified from the Ladies European Tour's Solheim Cup points list. Six more clinched via their positions in the women's world golf rankings: Woad, Sweden's **Maja Stark** and **Linn Grant**, France's **Celine Boutier**, Spain's **Carlota Ciganda** and Denmark's **Nanna Koerstz Madsen**.

TENNIS

Liutova, 16, is first born in '10s to win on WTA

Sixteen-year-old **Kristina Liutova** of Russia claimed a 1-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory over **Darja Vidmanova** of the Czech Republic to earn the title at the Memphis Classic in her first WTA main-draw event.

Liutova, who is ranked No. 229 in the world and had to qualify to get into the main draw, became the first player aged 16 or younger since **Coco Gauff** in 2019 to win a WTA event and the first player born in the 2010s to win a WTA event.

Liutova did not register any aces on the hard-court surface against Vidmanova, but she converted seven of 10 break point opportunities. …

Uzbekistan's **Kamilla Rahkimova** defeated **Venus Williams**, 6-4, 6-1, to highlight first-round action at the Canadian Open.

Rahkimova needed 1 hour 27 minutes to secure the win over Williams, 46, who received a wild card to play in Toronto for the 13th time.

SWIMMING

Walsh victorious in 50 to close out nationals

The U.S. Swimming Championships in Irvine, California, concluded Saturday night with the 50-meter women's and men's freestyle races, both of which were won by the current American record holders.

Former University of Virginia star **Gretchen Walsh** comfortably won the women's race by nearly a half-second with a time of 23.60 seconds, just five-hundredths off her current world record. On the men's side, **Caeleb Dressel**, 29, continued his comeback with a strong showing (21.35).

Virginia swimmer **Maximus Williamson** defended the NCAA championship he won earlier this year in the 200 individual medley by winning the American championship with a time of 1:56.40, pulling away over each of the final three legs after he sat in third after the opening butterfly lap.

Alex Walsh won her own title shortly before her sister Gretchen, running away in the women's 200 IM title with a 2:08.59.

Other champions on the final day included **Ryan Erisman** in the 800 freestyle (7.43:53) and **Katie Grimes** in the 1,500 freestyle (15:55.69).

CYCLING

At the women's Tour, Wiebes remains on top

Lorena Wiebes sprinted to her second victory in as many stages of the Women's Tour de France.

The Dutch rider won the flat 147.9-kilometer (91.9-mile) stage from Aigle to Geneva, the second on Swiss territory, in 3:42:08. Lidl-Trek rider **Elisa Balsamo** was second, and **Marianne Vos** of Team Visma-Lease a Bike was third.

Wiebes leads **Kim Le Court Pienaar** by 14 seconds overall, with the 2023 Tour champion **Demi Vollering** another two seconds back in third.

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NFL NOTES

Jones will consider tinting windows at Cowboys' stadium

REUTERS

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones admitted that he will contemplate tinting the west-facing windows at AT&T Stadium.

His decision to do so comes on the heels of FIFA demanding the curtains be closed during recent World Cup match at the venue.

"Well, do you know something?" Jones told Fox 4. "Thinking about it and doing something about it are two different things. … But I'll think about it. It's hard to tell that time of the year, because the sun's not the same. This time of the year that it is, in the fall. And that is, you get on into — sun changes, and the angle of that sun changes from September through year-round. But as we look at it, I like some of the effects of the tinting. And so we're giving that a thought."

The sun shines through the end zones in late-afternoon games, creating an aesthetic view but one that also — on occasion — affects game play.

Cowboys star wide receiver CeeDee Lamb, for example, dropped an easy touchdown pass because of the glare in a 34-6 loss to Philadelphia on Nov. 10, 2024.

"I couldn't see the ball. Couldn't see the ball, at all. The sun," Lamb said at the time.

• **TEXANS:** Former No. 1 pick Jadeveon Clowney is set to return to Houston for the first time since the 2018 season.

Clowney will sign for a base value of $5.5 million and a max value of $8 million, KPRC2 in Houston reported.

The report came on the heels of the Texans re-signing veteran defensive end Mario Edwards, who played the past two seasons with the franchise. The team has not confirmed the Clowney signing.

Both moves add depth to an already stout front four led by Danielle Hunter (15 sacks last season) and Will Anderson (12 sacks in 2025).

• **SAINTS:** New Orleans defensive tackle Bryan Bresee will undergo season-ending surgery on his torn ACL, Coach Kellen Moore confirmed.

Bresee suffered the injury Wednesday, the opening day of training camp.

The Saints selected Bresee — the 2019 All-Met Defensive Player of the Year while at Damascus High — in the first round (29th overall) in the 2023 Draft out of Clemson.

The Saints also placed 24-year-old wide receiver Ja'Lynn Polk on the reserve/retired list.

A reason for Polk's decision to retire was not yet known. Moore said Polk had been excused from the past two training camp practices for personal reasons. The wide receiver's Instagram account also appeared to be deactivated or removed.

Polk was the 37th pick of the 2024 draft by the New England Patriots.

• **CARDINALS:** Arizona put defensive tackle PJ Mustipher on injured reserve on Saturday because of a foot injury, meaning he will miss the entire 2026 season.

The Cardinals also placed defensive back Jaden Davis on IR because of an undisclosed injury suffered during the team's second padded practice of training camp.

In corresponding moves, the Cardinals signed defensive lineman Brodric Martin, 27, and safety Quinton Newsome, 25.

• **MISC.:** Andrus Peat, who earned three Pro Bowl selections at guard during his 11-year NFL career, announced his retirement via a weekend Instagram post.

Peat was a mainstay for the Saints from 2015 to 2023. New Orleans selected the 6-foot-7, 315-pound guard from Stanford with the 13th pick in the 2015 draft. He started 108 of 117 games for the Saints (including playoffs) and was tabbed to the Pro Bowl from 2018 to 2020.

The 32-year old also spent time with the Las Vegas Raiders and Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he will "think about" tinting the AT&T Stadium windows that cause a glare in late-afternoon games.

Lions lead the candidates who can jump from worst to first in their division

BY JOSH DUBOW

Going from last place to first in the division is far from an oddity in the NFL.

With last-place teams getting advantages such as favorable schedules and higher draft picks, 27 clubs since the 2002 realignment have followed up a last-place finish with a division title the following year.

The New England Patriots and Chicago Bears both pulled off the trick last season, making it the fifth time in the last six seasons that at least one team has done it. Perhaps no team is better positioned for a rebound this season than the Detroit Lions, who came in fourth in the NFC North with a 9-8 record last season and still have many of the key pieces that helped them earn the top seed in the NFC playoffs in 2024.

The Lions were hurt by injuries on defense and the struggle to replace offensive play-caller Ben Johnson. Drew Petzig was hired in the offseason to take over as offensive coordinator after John Morton was stripped of play-calling duties midway through the season.

The schedule should work in the Lions' favor. Nine of their 11 games outside the always-stout division are against teams that finished with losing records last season.

Here's a look at the contenders based on their odds to finish first from BetMGM Sportsbook:

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The Lions, led by quarterback Jared Goff (16), are perennial NFC North title contenders, but they finished last season in last place at 9-8.

Detroit Lions

Odds to win division: +175.

Reason for optimism: The Lions have the best odds of any team in the NFC North to win the division after all four teams in the ultracompetitive division finished with winning records last season. Petzig takes over an offense that could be one of the most potent with stars such as Jared Goff, Amon-Ra St. Brown, Penei Sewell, Jahmyr Gibbs and Sam LaPorta.

Reason for pessimism: The offensive line that had been the strength of the team in recent years has several questions. Sewell is moving from right tackle to left tackle, and the other four spots are manned by unproven players, including first-round right tackle Blake Miller. The secondary is a major concern as well, with safeties Brian Branch and Kerby Joseph hobbled by injuries that might linger into the season.

New Orleans Saints

Odds to win division: +260.

Reason for optimism: Quarterback Tyler Shough showed promise in nine starts as a rookie, with the Saints getting five of their six wins with him at the helm. New Orleans has a solid offensive line, playmakers Chris Olave and rookie Jordan Tyson at wide receiver, and a defense that was much improved under coordinator Brandon Staley. With no team in the NFC South finishing with a winning record last season, the gap between last place and first is narrow.

Reason for pessimism: Olave played 16 games last season, but he has a history of concussions that could be a concern for a team that has few proven stars on offense. The pass rush got 10.5 sacks from Cameron Jordan last year, but he might need more help after turning 37. If Shough regresses, the Saints could face a sixth season in a row out of the playoffs.

New York Giants

Odds to win division: +550.

Reason for optimism: New coach John Harbaugh brings a proven track record to a franchise that needed a big jolt. Jaxson Dart showed flashes as a rookie with 15 touchdown passes and nine touchdown runs, and he could be even better in year two if wide receiver Malik Nabers is healthy. Brian Burns and Abdul Carter give New York a potential strong one-two punch at pass rusher, and rookie Arvell Reese could make an immediate impact on defense as well.

Reason for pessimism: The Giants had one of the league's worst run defenses last season, and they traded away defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence in the offseason. That leaves a potentially big hole on the interior defensive line. If Nabers doesn't get back to his rookie form from 2024, the offense lacks playmakers on the outside.

Tennessee Titans

Odds to win division: +850.

Reason for optimism: If Cam Ward takes a big step in year two after some rookie struggles as the No. 1 overall pick and new coach Robert Saleh can improve the defense, the Titans could make a big jump after back-to-back three-win seasons. Star defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons anchors the defense, and rookie wide receiver Carnell Tate should provide a big boost to Ward on the outside.

Reason for pessimism: The offensive line remains one of the worst in the league and could hamper Ward's progress. The defense underwent a major overhaul in the offseason but might take more than one season to get back to being competitive.

Cleveland Browns

Odds to win division: +2,000.

Reason for optimism: The Browns got major contributions from last year's draft class led by defensive rookie of the year Carson Schwesinger, prolific tight end Harold Fannin Jr., running back Quinshon Judkins and defensive tackle Mason Graham. With four picks in the first two rounds in April, the Browns are hoping they added more building blocks.

Reason for pessimism: Not much matters until the Browns find their quarterback. Deshaun Watson is returning from an Achilles injury that sidelined him all last season but he hasn't been an effective quarterback since 2020. Shedeur Sanders made seven starts as a rookie but showed no signs of being a franchise quarterback. The offensive line remains a major problem, and the defense must replace defensive player of the year Myles Garrett after he was traded to the Los Angeles Rams.

New York Jets

Odds to win division: +2,000.

Reason for optimism: A reworked staff under Coach Aaron Glenn will lead to improvement, and new quarterback Geno Smith will look more like the passer he was in Seattle than last season with the Raiders thanks to a much better offensive line.

Reason for pessimism: The Jets have the longest active playoff drought in the NFL at 15 seasons, and they need lots of work to get back to contention. Smith was one of the worst quarterbacks in the league last season.

Las Vegas Raiders

Odds to win division: +2,200.

Reason for optimism: There's nowhere to go but up after last season's three-win campaign under Pete Carroll. New coach Klint Kubiak takes over after helping Seattle win the Super Bowl last season as offensive coordinator and will develop an offense around No. 1 pick Fernando Mendoza. The offensive line should be improved with free agent acquisition Tyler Linderbaum and a healthy Kolton Miller, and the team has young playmakers in Brock Bowers and Ashton Jeanty.

Reason for pessimism: The Raiders are in a tough division with two returning playoff teams in the Denver Broncos and Los Angeles Chargers, along with the Kansas City Chiefs. The issues that plagued Las Vegas last season probably will take more than a year to fix. The defense lacks stars outside of Maxx Crosby, the wide receivers are weak, and there are questions at three spots on the offensive line.

Arizona Cardinals

Odds to win division: +10,000.

Reason for optimism: Arizona is hoping new coach Mike LaFleur can help spark an offense that features playmakers such as all-pro tight end Trey McBride, No. 3 overall pick Jeremiyah Love at running back, 1,000-yard wide receiver Michael Wilson and former No. 4 overall pick Marvin Harrison Jr. also at wideout.

Reason for pessimism: The Cardinals play in one of the toughest divisions with the defending champion Seattle Seahawks, the Super Bowl favorite Los Angeles Rams and the San Francisco 49ers all coming off playoff seasons. Journeyman Jacoby Brissett begins the season as starting quarterback with third-round rookie Carson Beck in reserve.

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BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	67	45	.598	—	7-3	W-5
Philadelphia	59	53	.527	8	3-7	W-2
Miami	58	55	.513	9½	6-4	W-3
Washington	55	58	.487	12½	3-7	L-5
New York	47	66	.416	20½	4-6	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	69	42	.622	—	6-4	L-1
Chicago	63	49	.563	6½	6-4	L-1
Pittsburgh	56	57	.496	14	3-7	L-1
St. Louis	55	57	.491	14½	3-7	W-1
Cincinnati	53	58	.477	16	6-4	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	69	43	.616	—	5-5	L-3
Arizona	59	53	.527	10	6-4	L-1
San Diego	58	54	.518	11	8-2	W-3
San Francisco	47	65	.420	22	5-5	L-3
Colorado	45	67	.402	24	5-5	W-3

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	65	46	.586	—	6-4	L-1
New York	63	49	.563	2½	6-4	W-1
Boston	60	51	.541	5	8-2	W-5
Baltimore	54	58	.482	11½	5-5	L-2
Toronto	52	60	.464	13½	6-4	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Chicago	59	52	.532	—	5-5	W-1
Cleveland	57	56	.504	3	3-7	W-1
Minnesota	56	57	.496	4	6-4	L-2
Detroit	54	58	.482	5½	6-4	W-3
Kansas City	46	67	.407	14	3-7	L-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	58	55	.513	—	9-1	W-6
Texas	55	57	.491	2½	4-6	L-5
Seattle	55	58	.487	3	4-6	W-2
Athletics	45	67	.402	12½	2-8	L-5
Los Angeles	43	69	.384	14½	2-8	W-1

Braves 4, Nationals 2

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wood rf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.266
Lile lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.248
Crews cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.226
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.287
Ruiz c	2	1	1	0	1	0	.261
Ford ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Tena dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	.244
Nuñez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.240
Vivas 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.241
Chaparro 1b	1	0	0	1	0	0	.220
House 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.231
TOTALS	**29**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**5**	**11**	**—**

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baldwin c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Acuña dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.240
Olson 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.266
Harris cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Albies 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Dubón lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Yastrzemski rf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.232
White rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Riley 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.216
Jarvis ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.263
TOTALS	**28**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**—**

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E: Abrams (19), Ribalta (1). **LOB:** Washington 7, Atlanta 2. **2B:** Riley (16). **HR:** Yastrzemski (8), off Cavalli; Olson (31), off Cavalli. **RBI:** Chaparro (21), Wood (73), Yastrzemski 2 (32), Olson (69). **SB:** Nuñez (40), Lile (11). **SF:** Wood, Yastrzemski.

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cavalli	6	6	3	2	1	3	90	3.52
Ribalta	1	1	1	0	0	1	17	3.58
Kranick	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	9.53

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ritchie	4	4	2	2	3	4	81	4.50
Dodd	1	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.14
Fuentes	2	0	0	0	0	4	22	2.49
Lee	1	0	0	0	1	1	12	2.12
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	1	1	17	2.25

WP: Dodd (3-1); **LP:** Cavalli (8-5); **S:** Iglesias (24). **HBP:** Ritchie (Chaparro). ABS Challenge_Wood (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Cavalli (pitcher). **T:** 2:22. **A:** 27,143 (41,149).

HOW THEY SCORED

BRAVES THIRD
Mike Yastrzemski homers. Austin Riley called out on strikes. Jim Jarvis grounds out. Drake Baldwin walks. Ronald Acuna strikes out swinging.
Braves 1, Nationals 0
NATIONALS FOURTH
Keibert Ruiz singles. Jose Tena walks, Keibert Ruiz to second. Nasim Nunez strikes out swinging. Jorbit Vivas singles, Jose Tena to second, Keibert Ruiz to third. **Andres Chaparro hit by pitch, Jorbit Vivas to second, Jose Tena to third, Keibert Ruiz scores. James Wood out on a sacrifice fly, Jose Tena scores.** Daylen Lile grounds out to shortstop.
Nationals 2, Braves 1
BRAVES FOURTH
Matt Olson homers. Michael Harris flies out. Ozzie Albies flies out. Mauricio Dubon grounds out.
Nationals 2, Braves 2
BRAVES FIFTH
Mike Yastrzemski grounds out. Austin Riley doubles. **Jim Jarvis reaches on error, Austin Riley scores, throwing error by CJ Abrams.** Drake Baldwin grounds out, Jim Jarvis out at second.
Braves 3, Nationals 2
BRAVES SEVENTH
Mauricio Dubon singles. **Mike Yastrzemski out on a sacrifice fly, Mauricio Dubon scores.** Austin Riley grounds out. Jim Jarvis strikes out swinging.
Braves 4, Nationals 2

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Monday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Ortiz	.500	.500	0	0	0	0	0
Abrams	.287	.363	28	85	42	102	19
Wiemer	.286	.398	3	12	12	29	1
García	.283	.313	23	76	16	61	4
Wood	.266	.394	30	73	90	152	17
Ruiz	.261	.293	7	36	10	29	2
Mead	.254	.352	17	48	39	62	6
Lile	.248	.299	13	54	28	85	11
Tena	.244	.310	5	20	17	64	3
Vivas	.241	.325	3	18	23	34	0
Nuñez	.240	.321	1	31	38	76	40
Young	.234	.297	9	38	22	57	13
House	.231	.280	7	26	13	57	1
Crews	.226	.306	9	25	19	57	7
Chaparro	.220	.347	6	21	13	21	0

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO
Williams	0	0	0.00	4	0	1	5
Cosgrove	0	0	1.29	7	1	2	4
Yean	0	1	1.93	9.1	2	2	6
Fernández	0	0	2.25	4	1	2	3
Poulin	3	0	2.70	36.2	11	21	25
Griffin	12	3	3.06	129.1	44	30	116
Cavalli	8	5	3.52	122.2	48	37	133
Beeter	3	3	3.58	32.2	13	20	34
Ribalta	0	2	3.58	32.2	13	12	32
Lord	5	2	3.88	58	25	21	52
Lovelady	1	3	3.91	23	10	17	21
Alvarez	2	3	4.06	57.2	26	28	58
Lawrence	0	0	4.26	6.1	3	7	6
Littell	7	8	4.94	105.2	58	34	68
Cornelio	2	1	5.40	20	12	20	20
Irvin	2	5	5.56	56.2	35	24	59
Mikolas	3	8	5.67	108	68	22	55

NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, SF	.324
Lopez, Mia	.321
Gonzales, Pit	.312
Freeman, LA	.310
Lee, SF	.301
Moreno, Ari	.298
Rumfield, Col	.296
Ohtani, LA	.291

HOME RUNS

Goodman, Col	33
Schwarber, Phi	33
Olson, Atl	31
Wood, Was	30
Abrams, Was	28

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.630
Sale, Atl	2.077
Burns, Cin	2.351
Rodriguez, Ari	2.480
Sánchez, Phi	2.613
Yamamoto, LA	2.761
Wrobleski, LA	2.876

SAVES

Miller, SD	28
O'Brien, StL	26
Duran, Phi	24
Iglesias, Atl	24
Sewald, Ari	24

AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Alvarez, Hou	.330
Díaz, TB	.301
Simpson, TB	.296
Jung, Tex	.294
Clement, Tor	.289
Contreras, Bos	.288
Rafaela, Bos	.288

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, Hou	35
Rice, NY	31
Caminero, TB	30
Buxton, Min	25
Montgomery, Chi	25

ERA

Schlittler, NY	2.041
Cease, Tor	2.413
Messick, Cle	2.568
Martinez, TB	2.773
Rasmussen, TB	2.915
Gray, Bos	2.930
Burke, Chi	3.040
Montero, Det	3.172

SAVES

Baker, TB	31
Smith, Cle	30
Chapman, Bos	27
Bednar, NY	24
Varland, Tor	24

Mariners 7, Twins 6

Colt Emerson singled to right in the ninth inning to score pinch-runner Stuart Fairchild from third for Seattle's second straight walk-off victory over Minnesota.

Cole Young had four of Seattle's 14 hits. Emerson, Julio Rodriguez and Josh Naylor had two each.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Larnach lf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.286
Jeffers c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.291
Bell dh	5	1	2	0	0	1	.244
Clemens 2b-lf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.238
Lewis 1b-2b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.221
Lee 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Roden rf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.220
Martin ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Keaschall cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.263
Kreidler ss	3	1	0	0	0	0	.240
Caratini ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.230
TOTALS	**38**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**2**	**6**	**—**

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Young 2b	5	1	4	1	0	0	.269
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.282
Canzone dh	5	1	1	0	0	0	.257
Rodríguez cf	4	1	2	0	1	2	.254
Naylor 1b	4	0	2	2	1	0	.263
Fairchild pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.158
Raleigh c	5	1	1	3	0	1	.162
Robles rf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Emerson ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	.200
Rivas 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.127
TOTALS	**39**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**—**

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One out when winning run scored.
E: Emerson (7). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Seattle 12. **2B:** Bell (24), Naylor (16). **HR:** Larnach (10), off Bazardo; Lewis (12), off Ferrer; Keaschall (6), off Muñoz; Raleigh (12), off Rojas.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley	6	7	3	3	4	2	3.69
Rojas	1	2	3	3	1	1	3.34
Minter	1	2	0	0	0	1	2.22
Gómez	⅓	3	1	1	0	1	3.42

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby	7	5	0	0	1	3	3.76
Bazardo	⅓	2	3	2	0	0	3.31
Ferrer	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	3.35
Muñoz	1	2	1	1	1	2	3.98

WP: Muñoz (5-4); **LP:** Gómez (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ferrer 1-1. ABS Challenge_Robles (Strike-Confirmed). **T:** 2:50. **A:** 41,710 (47,929).

Marlins 2, Mets 0

Michael Petersen worked out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the seventh inning as Miami beat New York.

Petersen walked Marcus Semien before striking out Jorge Polanco and Francisco Alvarez and coaxed A.J. Ewing into a groundout to second.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hicks dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.282
Stowers 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Lopez ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.321
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.287
Conine lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.270
Marsee cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Caissie rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Mack c	3	1	2	1	0	1	.245
Sanoja 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Ruiz cf-lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.260
TOTALS	**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**7**	**—**

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ewing lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Bichette 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.254
Benge rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.264
Robert cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.197
Young 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.249
Semien 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.212
Polanco dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.131
Alvarez c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.255
TOTALS	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**8**	**—**

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LOB: Miami 3, New York 10. **2B:** Alvarez (9), Young (9), Lindor (6). **HR:** Mack (11), off Stock.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alcantara	6	4	0	0	2	5	3.68
Petersen	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.13
Zuber	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.19
Fairbanks	1	0	0	0	2	1	6.37

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stock	5	3	1	1	0	4	1.80
Raley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.96
Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.84
Brazobán	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.56
Williams	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.30

WP: Alcantara (12-6); **LP:** Stock (0-1); **S:** Fairbanks (17). **Inherited runners-scored:** Petersen 2-0. ABS Challenge_Alcantara (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Pitch timer violations_Conine (batter). **T:** 2:39. **A:** 32,109 (42,136).

Rockies 8, Royals 1

Kyle Freeland gave up one run and struck out eight in his first career complete game, Jake McCarthy hit a three-run homer, and Colorado beat Kansas City to finish off a three-game series sweep.

The 99-degree temperature at first pitch made it the second-hottest Rockies home game in franchise history, behind only a 100-degree game against Washington in 2012.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Jensen dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Loftin 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.252
Caglianone rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Perez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.215
Marte lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Rave cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.313
Tolbert ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.325
Rojas 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.230
Maile c	3	0	1	1	0	2	.267
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**8**	**—**

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCarthy dh	5	1	1	3	0	0	.289
Moniak lf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.273
Carrigg cf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.305
Rumfield 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.296
Castro 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.263
Johnston rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.283
Julien 2b	1	2	0	0	3	0	.212
Sullivan c	4	1	2	2	0	0	.236
Tovar ss	3	0	0	1	0	1	.193
TOTALS	**32**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**—**

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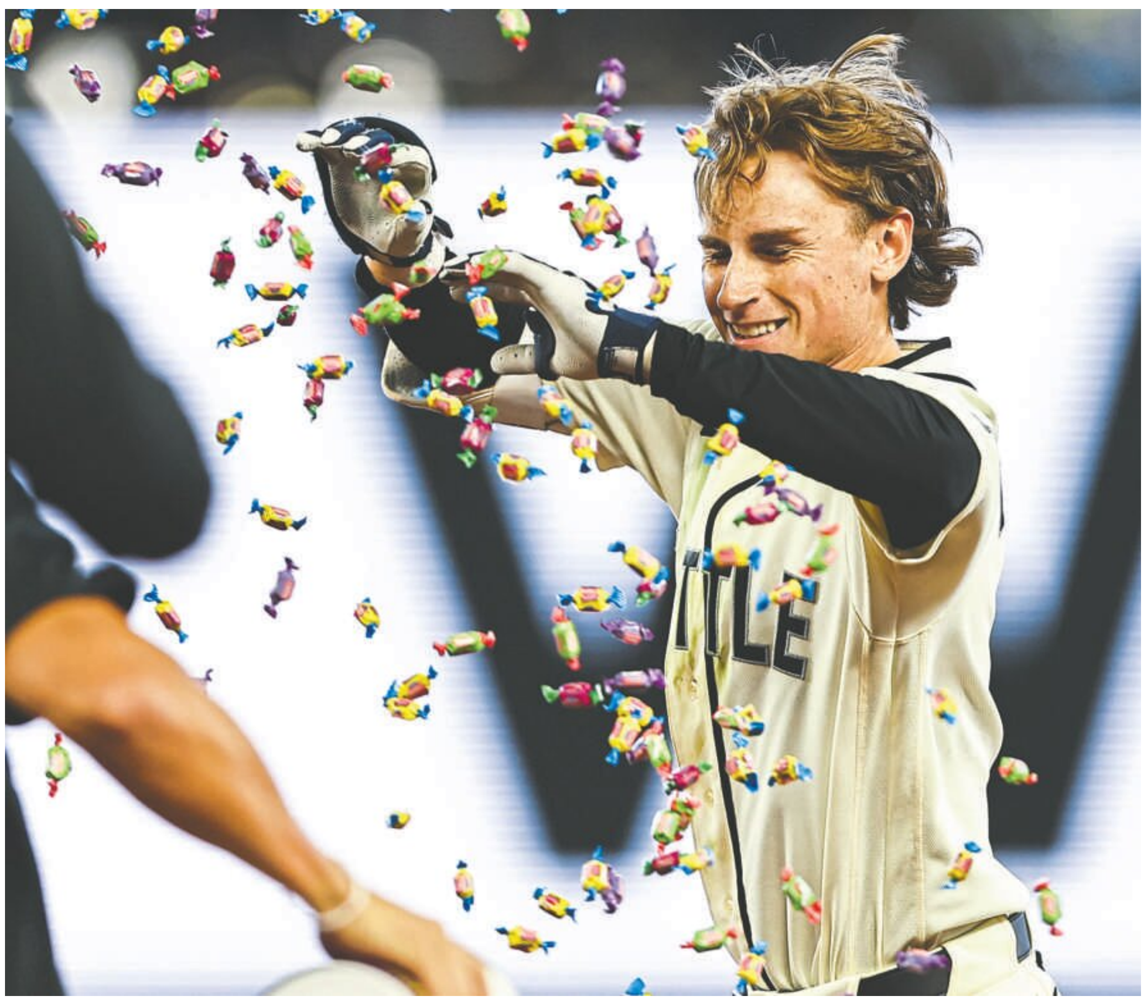
LOB: Kansas City 6, Colorado 6. **2B:** Caglianone (18), Perez (16), Carrigg (10), Sullivan 2 (10), Rumfield (23). **HR:** McCarthy (11), off Bummer.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lugo	5	5	5	5	5	3	4.41
Bummer	1	4	3	3	0	0	8.82
Pearson	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.13
Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.28

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Freeland	9	5	1	1	2	8	6.81

WP: Freeland (3-10); **LP:** Lugo (4-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bummer 3-3. ABS Challenge_Freeland (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:21. **A:** 32,226 (50,144).



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Make it rain

The Mariners' Colt Emerson celebrates after hitting a walk-off single Sunday to beat the Twins at Seattle's T-Mobile Park. It was the first walk-off for the rookie shortstop and the second in two nights for Seattle.

Cardinals 5, Blue Jays 1

José Fermin hit a tie-breaking single in the ninth inning, and St. Louis defeated Toronto.

Matthew Liberatore pitched six shutout innings and George Soriano worked one inning for the win as the Cardinals used a four-run ninth to snap an eight-game losing streak.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar rf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.234
Walker dh	5	0	2	2	0	0	.283
Burleson 1b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.284
Herrera c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Winn ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.241
Torres lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.241
Fermín 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.241
Church cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.228
Jordan 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.240
TOTALS	**36**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**3**	**6**	**—**

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Urías 2b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.250
Guerrero dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.264
Okamoto 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Springer lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.236
Clement 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Straw rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Lukes ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Varsho cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Giménez ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.232
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**10**	**—**

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E: Church (3), Urías (1). **LOB:** St. Louis 7, Toronto 5. **2B:** Nootbaar (8), Urías (2). **3B:** Springer (2).

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	6	1	0	0	1	7	4.97
Stanek	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.15
Soriano	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.49
O'Brien	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.43

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	6	4	1	1	1	5	7.92
Miles	2	1	0	0	1	1	3.12
Varland	⅔	3	4	1	1	0	1.11
Fluharty	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.33

WP: Soriano (4-3); **LP:** Varland (3-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Fluharty 1-0. **IBB:** off Miles (Burleson). **WP:** Scherzer. ABS Challenge_Guerrero (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Miles (pitcher). **T:** 2:34. **A:** 41,321 (39,150).

Angels 3, Brewers 0

Walbert Ureña pitched three-hit ball over six innings, and Wade Meckler hit a two-run homer off ace Jacob Misiorowski as Los Angeles beat Milwaukee.

Ureña struck out seven and walked three as the Angels snapped a five-game losing streak. The rookie right-hander has a 2.54 ERA this season and a 2.25 ERA since May 1.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turang 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.271
Chourio lf	3	0	2	0	1	1	.276
Mitchell cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.264
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.270
Bauers dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.270
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.298
Lara rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.240
Pratt ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.291
Hamilton 3b	1	0	0	0	2	0	.235
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**11**	**—**

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Neto ss	4	0	1	1	0	2	.230
Trout dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.245
Schanuel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Grissom 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Peraza 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Adell rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Meckler lf	3	1	1	2	0	1	.295
Guzman 3b	2	1	0	0	1	1	.236
Lowe cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Siri ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Heineman c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.174
TOTALS	**28**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**11**	**—**

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LOB: Milwaukee 7, Los Angeles 3. **HR:** Meckler (3), off Misiorowski.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Misiorowski	7	2	2	2	1	10	1.63
Hall	1	2	1	1	1	1	2.25

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ureña	6	3	0	0	3	7	2.54
Murphy	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Bachman	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.14
Zeferjahn	1⅔	2	0	0	0	4	3.66

WP: Ureña (7-7); **LP:** Misiorowski (11-5); **S:** Zeferjahn (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Zeferjahn 1-0. **WP:** Hall. **PB:** Heineman (0). ABS Challenge_Guzman (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:25. **A:** 31,061 (45,517).

White Sox 9, Rays 1

Anthony Kay tossed 6⅓ scoreless innings; Andrew Benintendi, Everson Pereira and Miguel Vargas hit home runs; and Chicago beat American League-leading Tampa Bay.

Kay fanned three batters and allowed seven hits while walking one.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Antonacci lf	5	1	0	0	0	0	.274
Murakami 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.244
Acuña pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	0	.241
Vargas 3b-1b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.237
C.Montgomery ss-3b	5	1	1	0	0	4	.215
Benintendi dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.246
Peters cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.267
Meidroth 2b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.273
Pereira rf	4	1	2	4	0	1	.225
Romo c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.134
TOTALS	**38**	**9**	**9**	**7**	**2**	**12**	**—**

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Palacios ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Aranda 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.280
Caminero 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.282
Vilade 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.257
Simpson lf	3	0	3	0	0	0	.296
DeLuca rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Williamson ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.248
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.201
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.278
TOTALS	**36**	**1**	**11**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**—**

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E: Murakami (3), C.Montgomery (9), Vilade (2), Jax (3). **LOB:** Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 10. **2B:** C.Montgomery (18), Pereira (5), Murakami (10), Fortes (14). **HR:** Benintendi (12), off Jax; Pereira (4), off Cook; Vargas (24), off Roycroft; Williamson (3), off Davitt.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kay	6⅓	7	0	0	1	3	4.01
Taylor	1⅔	2	0	0	0	1	2.40
Davitt	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.50

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jax	5	4	3	1	0	8	3.63
Kimbrel	1	1	2	2	2	1	4.81
Matz	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.97
Cook	1⅔	3	3	3	0	2	7.36
Roycroft	⅓	1	1	1	0	1	8.24

WP: Kay (8-5); **LP:** Jax (6-9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Taylor 1-0, Roycroft 1-1. **WP:** Jax. ABS Challenge_Antonacci (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:40. **A:** 23,559 (25,025).

Guardians 5, Diamondbacks 0

Gavin Williams allowed one hit in 5⅔ innings and struck out 10, Chase DeLauter drove in three runs, and Cleveland defeated Arizona.

Patrick Bailey snapped an 0-for-13 skid with a home run in the second inning off Merrill Kelly.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.247
Perdomo ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.239
Moreno c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.298
Marte dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Kepler lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.229
Arenado 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.243
Tawa cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.209
Vargas 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.272
Locklear 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Del Castillo ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.197
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**13**	**—**

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.258
Ramírez dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.233
DeLauter rf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.278
Martínez rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Bazzana 2b	2	0	1	0	2	0	.245
Manzardo 1b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.215
Rocchio ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Arias 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.252
Bailey c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.193
Halpin cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.213
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**8**	**—**

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E: Rocchio 2 (11). **LOB:** Arizona 9, Cleveland 5. **2B:** DeLauter (21). **HR:** Bailey (6), off Kelly.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kelly	5	8	5	5	4	5	5.04
Clarke	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	2.12
Thompson	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	4.24

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams	5⅔	1	0	0	1	10	3.56
Gaddis	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	3.68
Yoho	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.00
Festa	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	4.37
Smith	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	2.45

WP: Williams (11-6); **LP:** Kelly (8-9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gaddis 2-0, Smith 2-0. **HBP:** Yoho (Arenado). **WP:** Williams. ABS Challenge_Williams (Ball-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Kelly (pitcher). **T:** 2:33. **A:** 24,869 (34,788).

Reds 10, Pirates 2

Chase Burns won his 12th straight decision, and Sal Stewart hit his 24th home run as Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh.

Stewart tied Joey Votto for second-most homers by a Reds rookie. Votto hit 24 in 2008.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Mangum lf	2	1	0	0	1	2	.303
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Triolo 3b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.244
Reynolds dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	.269
Valdez rf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.262
Horwitz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.276
Gonzales 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.312
Rodríguez c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Gonzalez ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	.242
Jh.Garcia cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.178
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**13**	**—**

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz ss	4	0	1	2	1	1	.276
Stewart 1b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.254
Bleday lf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.227
Stephenson c	4	2	2	2	1	1	.256
N.Lowe dh	4	2	3	2	1	1	.266
Myers cf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.275
Marte rf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.192
McLain 2b	3	0	0	1	1	1	.189
Hayes 3b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.145
TOTALS	**33**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**7**	**9**	**—**

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LOB: Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 8. **2B:** Gonzalez (6), Stephenson (16), N.Lowe 2 (17), Myers (8). **HR:** Stewart (24), off Keller; Hayes (4), off Keller; Stephenson (9), off Doval.

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	2	6	7	7	4	2	5.29
Murdock	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Marinaccio	2	2	2	2	1	2	4.99
Ramírez	2	0	0	0	2	3	3.00
Doval	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.65

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burns	6	2	1	1	2	9	2.35
Burke	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.52
Antone	1	2	1	1	1	2	2.29
McCambley	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.68

WP: Burns (13-1); **LP:** Keller (6-8). **Inherited runners-scored:** Murdock 3-3. **HBP:** Burns (Mangum), Marinaccio (Hayes). **WP:** Murdock, Marinaccio. **PB:** Stephenson (2). ABS Challenge_Burns (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Pitch timer violations_Doval (pitcher). Ejected_Kelly. **T:** 3:16. **A:** 23,878 (43,891).

Padres 5, Giants 4

Jackson Merrill homered, and Jake Cronenworth and Luis Campusano had RBI as San Diego beat San Francisco.

The Padres have won eight of their last nine.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.324
Eldridge dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.253
Ramos lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Devers 1b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.250
Lee rf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.301
Adames ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.224
Cavanaugh c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.231
Koss ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Gilbert cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Susac ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Basabe 3b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.333
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**2**	**8**	**—**

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rengifo lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.237
Cronenworth 2b	5	0	1	2	0	2	.214
Machado dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.210
France 1b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.297
Merrill cf	3	1	2	2	1	0	.237
Campusano c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.304
Sheets rf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Bowen pr-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.156
Bogaerts ss	2	1	0	0	2	1	.220
Song 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.204
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**9**	**—**

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E: Basabe (1), Cavanaugh (3), Rengifo (6). **LOB:** San Francisco 6, San Diego 9. **2B:** Lee (25). **HR:** Basabe (2), off Canning; Devers (23), off Rodriguez; Merrill (16), off Roupp.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Roupp	4⅔	6	5	5	4	6	4.34
Hentges	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	2.66
Smith	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.75
Brubaker	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	3.06
E.Miller	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.76

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hart	3	1	0	0	0	2	4.53
Sears	1	2	2	2	1	0	4.68
Canning	2	2	1	1	0	0	6.58
Estrada	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.91
Rodriguez	⅔	2	1	1	0	2	2.44
Morejon	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	3.00

WP: Canning (3-9); **LP:** Roupp (7-10); **S:** Morejon (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hentges 2-0, E.Miller 1-0, Morejon 1-0. **HBP:** Sears (Lee), E.Miller (Rengifo), Morejon (Basabe). ABS Challenge_Machado (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:59. **A:** 43,856 (40,222).

Yankees 2, Cubs 1

José Caballero lined a two-run homer, Gerrit Cole pitched into the sixth inning, and New York hung on to top Chicago.

New York got 3⅓ scoreless innings from relievers Brent Headrick, Paul Blackburn and David Bednar to take two of three at Wrigley Field.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grisham cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Rice 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.266
Rosario dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Jones lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Domínguez rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.230
Chisholm 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.220
McMahon 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.207
Caballero ss	3	1	2	2	0	0	.244
Wells c	1	0	0	0	1	0	.161
Goldschmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Sánchez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.273
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**9**	**—**

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crow-Armstrong cf	1	0	0	0	3	0	.282
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	0	0	2	.273
Busch 1b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.241
C.Kelly 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.216
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Ramirez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.309
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Amaya c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Conforto ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.231
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**10**	**—**

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E: Hoerner (4). **LOB:** New York 5, Chicago 8. **2B:** Suzuki (19). **HR:** Caballero (11), off Rea.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole	5⅔	4	1	1	3	5	3.42
Headrick	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	1.42
Blackburn	⅔	0	0	0	2	1	2.08
Bednar	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	2.61

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rea	6	3	2	2	1	7	4.59
Rolison	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.45
Civale	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	5.22

WP: Cole (5-5); **LP:** Rea (8-8); **S:** Bednar (24). **Inherited runners-scored:** Headrick 3-0, Bednar 2-0, Rolison 1-0. ABS Challenge_Rea (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:49. **A:** 40,057 (41,363).

Tigers 11, Athletics 0

Keider Montero pitched six scoreless innings, Eduardo Valencia drove in four runs, and Detroit completed its first season-series sweep ever against an American League team with a victory over the Athletics.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	2	3	1	2	4	0	.269
Dingler dh	5	2	2	0	0	3	.270
McGonigle ss	4	1	0	0	2	1	.287
Valencia c	5	1	2	4	0	2	.452
Torkelson 1b	5	0	2	3	0	0	.220
Lee 3b	5	0	1	1	0	0	.267
Clark cf	3	1	1	0	2	1	.500
Malgeri lf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.268
Keith ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Outman lf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.168
McKinstry rf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.211
TOTALS	**38**	**11**	**12**	**11**	**9**	**7**	**—**

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Walton 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.288
Soderstrom lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Heim c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.232
White 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.283
Butler rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.211
Ornelas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Cortes dh-p	2	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Serven ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Williams ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.265
McNeil 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.251
Bolte cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.253
TOTALS	**33**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**—**

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LOB: Detroit 10, Athletics 9. **2B:** Torkelson (19), Valencia 2 (3), Soderstrom (24). **HR:** Outman (5), off Cortes.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montero	6	2	0	0	2	2	3.17
Holton	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.06
Anderson	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	4.24
De Jesús	1	2	0	0	0	3	3.63

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jump	3⅔	4	6	6	5	4	4.59
Alvarado	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	4.72
Harris	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.31
Juenger	1	2	0	0	0	0	3.72
Bowden	1	2	4	4	2	0	36.0
Cortes	1	2	1	1	0	0	9.00

WP: Montero (8-6); **LP:** Jump (4-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Anderson 2-0, Alvarado 3-2. **HBP:** Montero (Bolte), Bowden (Dingler). **WP:** Jump, Harris, Bowden. **PB:** Heim (0). ABS Challenge_Clark (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 3:13. **A:** 8,237 (14,014).

Phillies 8, Orioles 0 (6)

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turner ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.250
Schwarber dh	2	0	0	1	1	2	.247
Harper 1b	3	1	1	1	1	2	.255
Bohm 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.226
Marsh lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.280
Realmuto c	2	1	1	0	1	0	.225
Stott 2b	1	1	0	1	2	0	.252
Crawford cf	3	2	2	2	0	0	.261
De La Cruz rf	2	1	1	3	0	0	.450
TOTALS	**23**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**6**	**4**	**—**

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Beavers lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.249
Alonso 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Henderson ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Ward dh	2	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Holliday 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Taveras rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Cowser cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.204
J.Rogers c	1	0	1	0	1	0	.163
TOTALS	**18**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**—**

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BALTIMORE ...... 000 00X — 0 4 0

LOB: Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Crawford (13). **HR:** De La Cruz (2), off Bradish; Harper (23), off Walker. **RBI:** De La Cruz 3 (6), Stott (50), Crawford 2 (27), Harper (66), Schwarber (63). **CS:** Turner (3). **SF:** De La Cruz, Schwarber.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	2	1	0	0	0	3	2.49
Backhus	1	1	0	0	1	1	5.21
Mayza	2	2	0	0	0	3	3.73

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradish	3	2	2	2	2	3	3.79
Nunez	1	2	2	2	2	0	4.60
Walker	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.09
Suárez	1	3	3	3	2	0	4.20

WP: Mayza (3-3); **LP:** Bradish (7-10). **WP:** Backhus, Bradish. ABS Challenge_Bradish (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 1:54. **A:** 31,403 (45,971).

ORIOLES' BATTING LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

	AVG	OBA	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Alexander	.312	.368	4	29	16	54
Encarnacion-Strand	.289	.357	3	11	4	8
Mountcastle	.286	.333	0	1	1	2
Holliday	.252	.356	5	20	28	49
Alonso	.251	.346	23	69	56	120
Rutschman	.251	.331	8	47	30	40
Beavers	.249	.332	2	18	20	46
Ward	.246	.383	7	30	87	103
Jackson	.245	.269	7	39	6	44
Basallo	.241	.305	16	46	26	82
Wilson	.231	.348	1	3	6	11

Astros 7, Rangers 3

Yordan Alvarez tied a career high with four hits, Jeremy Peña hit a home run, and Houston beat Texas.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Pederson dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Foscue ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Langford lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Nimmo rf	3	2	2	1	1	1	.270
Burger 1b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.237
Carter cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.207
Duran 3b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.266
Díaz c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Osuna ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.258
Wynns c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.090
Cauley 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Lopez ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.282
TOTALS	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**13**	**—**

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Peña dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.322
Alvarez lf	5	1	4	2	0	0	.330
Spence cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.162
Paredes 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Walker 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.238
Trammell cf-lf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.241
Altuve 2b	5	1	2	1	0	0	.233
Smith rf	5	2	3	1	0	1	.213
Allen ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.257
Vázquez c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.218
Wade ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.197
Diaz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
TOTALS	**37**	**7**	**15**	**7**	**4**	**6**	**—**

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HOUSTON ...... 001 200 40X — 7 15 1

E: Allen (3). **LOB:** Texas 5, Houston 12. **2B:** Alvarez 3 (24), Smith (15), Walker (22). **HR:** Nimmo (11), off Okert; Peña (13), off Rocker.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rocker	5⅓	10	3	3	2	5	4.08
Ahlstrom	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.57
Alexander	⅓	1	2	2	0	0	3.35
Winn	⅓	3	2	2	1	1	6.27
Peoples	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	2.38

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lambert	5⅔	3	2	2	2	8	3.06
Okert	⅔	2	1	1	0	1	2.28
Abreu	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	4.54
King	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.61
Blubaugh	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.62

WP: Abreu (3-3); **LP:** Alexander (1-2); **S:** Blubaugh (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ahlstrom 1-0, Winn 2-2, Peoples 2-0, Okert 1-0, Abreu 1-0, Blubaugh 2-0. **HBP:** Ahlstrom (Peña), Alexander (Trammell). **WP:** Rocker(2). **PB:** Vázquez (4). ABS Challenge_Rocker (Ball-Confirmed) Ejected_Viele **T:** 2:56. **A:** 33,955 (41,000).

Red Sox 8, Dodgers 4

Ceddanne Rafaela homered for the third straight game, and Boston beat Los Angeles to sweep the three-game series.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Sogard 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.240
Rafaela cf	5	2	2	1	0	2	.289
Abreu rf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.248
Contreras 1b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Yoshida dh	4	1	2	2	1	0	.264
Durbin 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.243
Monasterio ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.259
Duran lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.200
Narváez c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.187
Seigler ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Wong c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.255
TOTALS	**36**	**8**	**9**	**6**	**5**	**11**	**—**

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	3	0	1	0	2	2	.292
Pages cf	5	0	2	3	0	2	.270
Edman 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.302
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.310
Call ph-rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Betts ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Tucker rf	2	1	1	0	1	1	.237
E.Hernández ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.385
T.Hernández lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.255
Muncy 3b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.255
Alfonzo c	4	0	0	1	0	1	.167
TOTALS	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**3**	**6**	**—**

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L.A. .... 030 000 100 — 4 9 1

E: Betts (4). **LOB:** Boston 9, Los Angeles 7. **2B:** Pages (23), Call (6). **HR:** Rafaela (15), off Sheehan; Abreu (17), off Sheehan; Yoshida (5), off Sheehan; Duran (14), off Hurt.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bennett	5⅔	6	3	3	2	4	2.90
Slaten	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.40
Guerrero	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.33
Morán	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.80
Weissert	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.92
Whitlock	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.98

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sheehan	2⅔	6	5	5	1	4	5.29
Dreyer	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	2.98
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.40
Hurt	2	1	1	1	1	4	4.58
Mills	2	2	2	1	2	1	5.68

WP: Bennett (7-4); **LP:** Sheehan (4-8). **Inherited runners-scored:** Slaten 1-0, Weissert 1-0, Dreyer 1-0. **IBB:** off Bennett (Ohtani). **HBP:** Sheehan (Monasterio), Mills (Durbin). **WP:** Guerrero, Dreyer, Mills. **PB:** Alfonzo (2). ABS Challenge_Tucker (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Bennett (pitcher). **T:** 3:09. **A:** 46,834 (56,000).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Braves: Recalled RHP JR Ritchie from Class AAA Gwinnett and placed RHP Reynaldo López on the 15-day injured list retroactive to July 30.

Brewers: Sent RHP Joel Kuhnel on a rehab assignment to Class AAA Nashville.

Giants: Claimed 1B Buddy Kennedy off waivers from Seattle and transferred LHP Matt Gage from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL.

Padres: Sent RHP David Morgan on a rehab assignment to Class AAA El Paso.

Pirates: Reinstated RHP Camilo Doval and 1B Spencer Horwitz from the IL and optioned CF Billy Cook and RHP Isaac Mattson to Class AAA Indianapolis.

Rays: Placed RF Jake Fraley on the 60-day injured list.

Twins: Reinstated RHP Dean Kremer from the IL and optioned RHP Jack Anderson to Class AAA St. Paul.

QUOTABLE

"It's tough, I love all those guys in there. They're some of my best friends."

— Newly acquired Dodgers left-hander **Tarik Skubal***, on his former Tigers teammates.*

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT PHILLIES, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
TBD	----	----	----
Nola (R)	3-9	5.60	9-13

PIRATES AT BREWERS, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Chandler (R)	3-8	4.56	7-13
Sproat (R)	3-6	5.05	10-8

DODGERS AT CUBS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Wrobleski (L)	11-2	2.88	12-5
Boyd (L)	6-1	3.41	9-3

PADRES AT DIAMONDBACKS, 9:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
King (R)	6-7	3.38	9-13
Pfaadt (R)	5-1	4.00	8-1

NL scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Atlanta 8, Washington 3
Miami 6, at N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 4, at Cincinnati 1
at San Diego 6, San Francisco 5

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Atlanta 4, Washington 2
Miami 2, at N.Y. Mets 0
at Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 2
at San Diego 5, San Francisco 4

AL game

BLUE JAYS AT ASTROS, 8:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bieber (R)	2-2	5.74	3-4
Javier (R)	1-1	7.17	1-3

Al scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Tampa Bay 1, Chicago White Sox 0
at Seattle 4, Minnesota 3
at Houston 5, Texas 4
Detroit 8, at Athletics 6

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago White Sox 9, at Tampa Bay 1
at Houston 7, Texas 3
Detroit 11, at Athletics 0
at Seattle 7, Minnesota 6

Interleague games

CARDINALS AT YANKEES, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
McGreevy (R)	4-9	3.57	9-12
Schlittler (R)	10-6	2.04	15-8

GIANTS AT RANGERS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Webb (R)	6-7	3.93	7-12
Quantrill (R)	4-3	3.84	3-3

RAYS AT ROCKIES, 8:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Seymour (L)	7-3	4.37	4-3
Lorenzen (R)	3-9	6.54	9-13

Interleague scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 5, at Baltimore 0
at Toronto 5, St. Louis 1
at Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Arizona 12, at Cleveland 8
at Colorado 12, Kansas City 6
Boston 3, at L.A. Dodgers 2
Milwaukee 3, at L.A. Angels 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 8, at Baltimore 0 (6)
St. Louis 5, at Toronto 1
at Cleveland 5, Arizona 0
N.Y. Yankees 2, at Chicago Cubs 1
at Colorado 8, Kansas City 1
at L.A. Angels 3, Milwaukee 0
Boston 8, at L.A. Dodgers 4

BASEBALL

Nats, hitting the skids, will look to sell

NATIONALS FROM **C1**

for the Nationals' longest of the season and puts them three games under .500 for the first time in nearly three months. The players, Cade Cavalli said, told each other to ignore the buzz of the deadline and just play their game, even as their teammates' futures were hanging in the balance.

"You do yourself a disservice if you allow your mind to go to those places," said Cavalli, who took the loss Sunday despite a solid start. "At the end of the day, that's out of our control."

It's hard to avoid, though, even if they tried. On Sunday morning, all three televisions were turned to MLB Network, and the loudspeakers blasted the audio of the commentators debating potential moves, including ones that involved players in Washington's clubhouse.

The TVs stayed on, Butera said before the game, because players need to learn how to handle the outside noise.

"That's part of the industry they're in," Butera said. "At the end of the day, if you try to shut that off and pretend like that's not out there, I think it just brings up a little bit more of: 'Why are you doing this? Is there something you know that we don't know?' Let's leave everything out there."

In Sunday's loss, Cavalli pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs, both of which came on solo homers. Mike Yastrzemski hit one in the third inning, putting the Braves on the board first. The Nationals responded in the fourth, loading the bases with one out and tying the game when JR Ritchie's curveball struck Chaparro in the head. He remained in the game initially but felt dizzy later and was removed in the fifth.

James Wood tacked on a sacrifice fly in the fourth to make it 2-1, but Matt Olson responded right away for the Braves, leading off the bottom half with a solo shot.

Atlanta took the lead for good in the fifth. Austin Riley doubled, and Jim Jarvis hit a grounder to CJ Abrams, who threw too high for House to snag. The ball rolled toward the Braves dugout, allowing Riley to score.

Orlando Ribalta allowed another unearned run in the seventh following his own errant throw. Washington's 88 errors are the most in the majors by a wide margin.

With the Nationals' offense remaining largely lifeless — they didn't record a hit after the fourth inning and finished 1 for 6 with runners in scoring position — those miscues were all the Braves needed.

"You hate getting swept," Cavalli said. "It's frustrating, but we have 49 games left, and we have to move on and go compete. You never know what can happen."

Now, as the Nationals head to Philadelphia for a four-game series, they do so without their longest-tenured player. There could be more deals coming before Monday's 6 p.m. deadline, with Foster Griffin also drawing interest.

Trading García signals that the team is selling. But the Nationals, Abrams said, aren't giving up.

"We want to win as many as we can," Abrams said. "This week didn't go as we planned, but next week can."

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Philadelphia Phillies

Monday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Tuesday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Wednesday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Thursday	6:05	Nationals.TV

vs. Cincinnati Reds

Friday	6:45	WTTG (Ch. 5), Nationals.TV
Saturday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Sunday	12:15	NBCSN/ Peacock

vs. Chicago Cubs

Aug. 11	6:45	Nationals.TV
Aug. 12	6:45	WTTG (Ch. 5), Nationals.TV
Aug. 13	4:05	Nationals.TV

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

ERIK S. LESSER/AP

First baseman Luis García Jr., center, was the longest-tenured National. He is having a career year, hitting .283 with 23 home runs.

García goes to Yankees in another bittersweet swap

GARCÍA FROM **C1**

Yankees, pitching to a career ERA of 4.90. New York demoted him to Class AAA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on July 19 after he allowed five runs against the Los Angeles Dodgers, spiking his ERA to 5.93. The Nationals optioned him to Class AAA Rochester on Sunday.

Cruz, 26, made his MLB debut in May and has allowed just one run in 5⅓ innings. He has a 3.53 ERA and has struck out nearly a third of opposing batters at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he has spent most of the season. He is ranked No. 30 on MLB Pipeline's Nationals top prospects list.

Grable, 24, was pitching for Class AA Somerset, where he had a 2.79 ERA in 29 innings out of the bullpen. Cebert is also 24 and also in Class AA. He has started 14 games this season, pitching to a 4.03 ERA. Grable and Cebert are listed 26th and 14th, respectively, in Washington's system.

While the addition of four pitchers should help the Nationals long-term, parting with García will leave a dent. He grew up with Washington, signing as an international free agent in 2016. He made his MLB debut in 2020, sharing a clubhouse with superstars such as Max Scherzer, Trea Turner and Juan Soto.

"All those guys taught me and shaped me to be the player and person that I am today," García said. "Coming in to this year, I was seen as a leader in this clubhouse. So for me, passing that along to everyone here, all my teammates, the young ones, that was really important to me."

García has been a consistent part of the Nationals' lineup over the past six years, playing mainly second with some shortstop mixed in before he was moved to first base for 2026.

This season has been the best of García's career, with career highs in batting average, slugging percentage, home runs and RBI. He credits part of his improvement to Washington's new coaching staff, which helped him increase his bat speed and narrow in on the right pitches to hit.

"He's an unbelievable person, an unbelievable teammate, an unbelievable leader for this clubhouse, an unbelievable player," Manager Blake Butera said. "He has done everything we've asked him to. … He's been a huge part of our team and a huge part of our success."

But García's production at the plate isn't all that matters for the Nationals. He has grown up in the organization, going from a 20-year-old kid on his debut day in 2020 to a 26-year-old clubhouse leader and father. CJ Abrams, who was traded to the Nationals in 2022, said García was the first player he befriended when he joined the team. That bond is still there, four years later.

"That's my brother," Abrams said. "No matter what team he is on, we'll always have that connection. That's my guy."

García bridged the gap between the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking players and was known for keeping things light. He had unique handshakes for every regular in the lineup, which he performed with them before games, after a big hit or just anytime the moment felt right.

Brady House said he couldn't get through a conversation with García without laughing. Cade Cavalli said he has a contagious energy.

"He's been a great friend, a great teammate," Cavalli said. "Loved playing with him. … He's just truly a special human."

Abi Ortiz, who debuted in July, is the likely interim replacement for García. Ortiz has started his MLB career 1 for 2 and is hitting .244 with an .845 OPS for Rochester this season.

The Nationals, who last weekend traded infielder Curtis Mead for starting pitcher Connelly Early, may not be done yet. Foster Griffin, who is a free agent after this season, could also find himself on a new team soon.

PERSPECTIVE

Third straight Dodgers title is a foregone conclusion

SKUBAL FROM **C1**

mound, with Blake Snell and Tyler Glasnow still sidelined with injuries, Skubal can slide into the No. 2 spot in a rotation that, if everyone gets healthy, could wind up being the best in baseball history.

Of course, in the immortal words of Kobe Bryant, the job is not finished. There are still questions, even for a team that has all the answers.

Skubal is a tremendous pitcher in the playoffs, with a 2.04 ERA in six starts, but will his surgically repaired left elbow survive through his third postseason?

After pushing 200 innings the last two seasons, he underwent a newfangled minimally invasive procedure May 6 to remove a loose body from his elbow. Recovery time for a similar surgery done the old-fashioned way is two to three months, but he was back on the mound in a game one month later.

Will this new operation hold up? Time will tell, but the Dodgers will be holding their breath.

After Yoshinobu Yamamoto and Skubal, the Dodgers have another potentially big question: What do they do about Ohtani?

He has dealt with a balky knee, and now he has a painful biceps. The Dodgers have kept him off the mound for a moment, but what happens in October?

After acquiring Skubal, the Dodgers can afford to pull Ohtani out of the rotation altogether and allow him to focus on offense, which has taken a bit of a hit with the pitching issues. But would he accept such a move, which might feel like a demotion? Ohtani has always put winning first, but he also began the season openly acknowledging his quest for a Cy Young Award. So there's that.

The Dodgers will still need some good fortune to round out the rotation.

They say Snell and Glasnow are both on the verge of returning from what have essentially been season-long injuries. But they will both be 33 in October, so believe only what you see.

Roki Sasaki has been tremendous since the all-star break — that new glove has been a giant success — but he's still never started a postseason game. The same is true of Justin Wrobleski, for all his surprise greatness this summer.

It all could get interesting. But it shouldn't be suspenseful.

Skubal solves all mysteries. Skubal ends all arguments. Skubal saves the summer.

The Dodgers are the most championship-driven and fan-devoted team in all of sports. They will do whatever it takes, however it takes, whenever it takes, to win.

Five words that unequivocally prove it.

Tarik Skubal is a Dodger.

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Freddy Peralta pitched to a 4.99 ERA in 22 starts for the Mets, one season after posting a 2.70 ERA over 33 starts with the Brewers.

Rays add rotation depth, bringing in Mets' Peralta

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first-place Tampa Bay Rays gave their starting rotation a boost Sunday, acquiring right-hander Freddy Peralta from the struggling New York Mets for three minor leaguers.

Peralta, a two-time all-star who can become a free agent this fall, has been a disappointment for the Mets after they acquired him from Milwaukee in a January trade.

"He gave us everything that he had, stepped out on the mound every single day and competed," interim Mets manager Andy Green said. "I know he wanted better results. And I think when we struck the deal to get him, we were all hoping for a different set of circumstances on this day than what we're looking at."

Peralta could help a strong pitching staff with the Rays, who have the best record in the American League at 65-46.

"Freddy is a proven major league starter with high-stakes experience and a strong track record," Erik Neander, the Rays' president of baseball operations, said in a statement. "Adding a pitcher and competitor of his caliber strengthens our team as we push forward."

The last-place Mets received outfielder Aidan Smith, infielder Émilien Pitre and right-hander Gary Gill Hill in exchange for Peralta. Pitre was a second-round pick of Tampa Bay in the 2024 draft, while Hill was a sixth-round pick in 2022. Smith was picked in the fourth round in 2023 by the Seattle Mariners, who sent him to the Rays in the Randy Arozarena trade in 2024.

Before joining the Mets last offseason, Peralta went 17-6 with a 2.70 ERA over 33 starts in 2025. He led the National League in wins, finished fifth in Cy Young Award voting and helped the Brewers win their third straight National League Central crown.

Last winter, New York sent youngsters Brandon Sproat and Jett Williams to the Brewers for Peralta and right-hander Tobias Myers, giving up a pair of players rated among the game's top 100 prospects in the anticipation Peralta would be the frontline starter the team needed.

Instead, he went 5-9 with a 4.99 ERA in 22 starts and failed to complete five innings in four of his last five outings for the Mets.

• **CUBS:** Chicago bolstered its rotation, acquiring right-hander Kevin Gausman in a trade with the Toronto Blue Jays, a person familiar with the deal told the AP on the condition of anonymity because it hadn't been announced.

The durable Gausman, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is 5-10 with a 4.38 ERA in 23 starts. He pitched at least 174⅔ innings and made at least 31 starts in each of the previous five years.

The Blue Jays acquired minor leaguers Brett Bateman and Ty Southisene in the deal. Bateman, an outfielder was an eighth-round pick in the 2023 amateur draft, and Southisene, an infielder, was a fourth-round selection in 2024.

Chicago also traded right-hander Jameson Taillon and cash to Toronto for a player to be named or cash. Taillon was designated for assignment by the Cubs last week.

• **BRAVES:** Atlanta acquired outfielder Lane Thomas and minor league left-hander Bailey Falter from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for two minor league pitchers.

Thomas slashed .230/.325/.392 in 96 games with Kansas City. The former Washington Nationals slugger has played mostly center field this year, but he will move over to left field in Atlanta and probably platoon with Mike Yastrzemski. Thomas is a career .288 hitter against left-handed pitching.

Falter will report to Class AAA Gwinnett, according to Anthopoulos. He has spent the majority of this season with Class AAA Omaha.

The Braves sent right-hander Lucas Braun and left-hander Carter Holton to the Royals.

Latest loss doesn't give O's much reason to buy

PHILLIES 8, ORIOLES 0 (6)

BY JAKE KAUDERER

BALTIMORE — The Orioles left quite the impression this weekend on president of baseball operations Mike Elias before Monday's trade deadline.

Not in a good way.

On Saturday, Baltimore was shut out at home for the first time this season. The Orioles followed that with another lowly performance Sunday, losing to the Phillies, 8-0, in a rain-shortened six-inning game. The defeat leaves them 2½ games out of the final American League wild-card spot.

"I trust Mike [Elias], and I know it's kind of a weird deadline already, with everyone in it right now," Manager Craig Albernaz said. "Whatever happens, happens. Can't really control everything in this game."

Sunday was expected to be a clash of two aces — Zack Wheeler and Kyle Bradish. But a near-two-hour rain delay midway through the third inning ended each's day early. Wheeler pitched only two scoreless frames. Bradish lugged through three innings, surrendering two runs on a home run by Philadelphia No. 9 hitter Bryan De La Cruz.

Baltimore's bullpen collapsed after the delay. Anthony Nunez allowed two runs in the fourth inning, Josh Walker conceded a solo home run by Bryce Harper in the fifth and Albert Suárez let three more runs in during the sixth inning.

"Let's go Phillies" chants were frequent at Camden Yards amid the dud by the Orioles (54-58).

"Definitely frustrating," center fielder Colton Cowser said. "Definitely know how important these [games] are."

Baltimore entered Sunday with a 22.5 percent chance to make the playoffs, according to FanGraphs. Elias said Friday afternoon that he wouldn't sink all of the team's chips into this season, adding that he wouldn't have a strong bias toward buying or selling.

But that night, he made a move that signaled leaning toward the latter.

Baltimore traded starter Dean Kremer to the Minnesota Twins in exchange for 18-year-old prospect Jhomnardo Reyes. The move shadowed last year, when the Orioles flipped nine big leaguers for 16 prospects at the deadline — a total sell-off.

The obvious caveat is that Kremer wasn't close to the biggest name Baltimore could move. The 30-year-old owned a 6.50 ERA through seven starts this year. Chris Bassitt can fill Kremer's place in the rotation when he returns.

— Baltimore Sun

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	19	11	.633	—
Atlanta	18	10	.643	½
Washington	16	12	.571	2½
New York	17	13	.567	2½
Chicago	11	18	.379	8
Toronto	10	19	.345	8½
Connecticut	7	23	.233	12

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	6	.806	—
Las Vegas	20	9	.690	3½
Golden State	20	9	.690	4
Dallas	19	11	.633	5½
Portland	11	19	.367	13½
Los Angeles	11	17	.393	12½
Phoenix	11	19	.367	13
Seattle	6	25	.194	18½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

at Washington 81, Dallas 75
at Atlanta 98, Seattle 89
Indiana 112, at Portland 98

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at Chicago 84, Las Vegas 83
New York 94, at Phoenix 92

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

at Minnesota 108, Indiana 100
Los Angeles 106, at Portland 101
at Dallas 83, Connecticut 63
at Golden State 96, Toronto 79

MONDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7
Seattle at New York, 7
Phoenix at Chicago, 9

TUESDAY'S GAME

Toronto at Golden State, 10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 7:30
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7
Seattle at New York, 7
Los Angeles at Chicago, 9

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Dallas Wings

Wednesday 7:30 Monumental

vs. Atlanta Dream

Friday 7:30 Ion

vs. Phoenix Mercury

Sunday 3 Monumental

Radio: WTEM (980 AM)

Lynx 108, Fever 100

Indiana	33	20	23	24	— 100
Minnesota	36	28	23	21	— 108

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	23:29	3-5	3-4	0-3	2	0	9
Hull	14:13	2-2	1-1	1-2	1	2	6
Boston	33:02	7-14	0-0	1-8	7	5	15
Clark	34:23	8-18	1-1	0-1	10	1	19
Mitchell	35:10	14-21	3-4	0-1	3	1	37
Cunningham	22:42	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	1	3
Timpson	20:58	3-4	1-3	1-5	0	3	7
Harris	10:06	0-0	2-2	0-0	1	1	2
Johnson	3:31	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Hines-Allen	2:26	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**39-68**	**11-15**	**5-23**	**27**	**15**	**100**

Percentages: FG .574, FT .733. **3-Point Goals:** 11-24, .458 (Mitchell 6-8, Clark 2-9, Cunningham 1-1, Hull 1-1, Boston 1-4, Billings 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Timpson 2). **Turnovers:** 12 (Clark 4, Boston 3, Harris, Hines-Allen, Hull, Johnson, Mitchell). **Steals:** 4 (Billings, Clark, Mitchell, Timpson). **Technical Fouls:** None.

MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Collier	31:27	6-13	3-4	1-8	7	1	18
McBride	29:21	4-10	0-0	1-3	1	1	10
Howard	22:41	6-9	1-2	3-4	5	4	13
Miles	31:30	11-14	3-3	0-4	6	5	28
Williams	33:58	12-20	1-2	1-4	5	2	27
Caldwell	16:39	1-3	3-4	4-7	2	1	6
Coffey	15:22	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	1	4
Juhasz	10:30	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Delaere	8:32	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**43-76**	**11-15**	**11-33**	**28**	**16**	**108**

Percentages: FG .566, FT .733. **3-Point Goals:** 11-25, .440 (Collier 3-5, Miles 3-6, Williams 2-4, McBride 2-6, Caldwell 1-2, Coffey 0-1, Delaere 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Collier, Juhasz, Miles). **Turnovers:** 6 (Miles 3, Caldwell, Howard, McBride). **Steals:** 6 (Howard 2, Juhasz 2, Coffey, Collier). **Technical Fouls:** Miles, 2:37 second.
A: 16,505 (19,356). **T:** 2:04.

Wings 83, Sun 63

Connecticut	16	21	8	18	— 63
Dallas	22	26	24	11	— 83

CONNECTICUT	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Burke	30:23	5-11	2-2	1-7	1	0	14
Miller	29:49	8-15	2-4	2-4	1	4	22
Nelson-Ododa	26:47	3-6	2-4	2-11	2	3	8
Lacan	25:02	3-10	0-0	0-1	2	2	7
Leger-Walker	25:21	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Rivers	16:40	0-6	1-2	1-2	2	3	1
Beers	14:28	1-4	0-0	1-3	3	2	2
Jackson	11:16	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Angloma	9:46	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	0	5
Kneepkens	6:55	1-3	1-1	1-1	0	1	4
Marshall	3:34	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
TOTALS	**200**	**23-67**	**8-13**	**9-31**	**14**	**18**	**63**

Percentages: FG .343, FT .615. **3-Point Goals:** 9-23, .391 (Miller 4-8, Burke 2-4, Angloma 1-1, Kneepkens 1-2, Lacan 1-3, Jackson 0-1, Leger-Walker 0-2, Rivers 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 12. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Burke 3). **Turnovers:** 15 (Burke 3, Nelson-Ododa 3, Lacan 2, Leger-Walker 2, Marshall 2, Miller 2, Rivers). **Steals:** 6 (Burke 2, Miller 2, Angloma, Rivers). **Technical Fouls:** None.

DALLAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Ogunbowale	22:42	7-9	0-0	0-5	5	0	15
Shepard	22:44	7-12	1-1	2-9	2	1	15
Smith	13:45	1-6	0-0	0-3	1	3	3
Bueckers	24:51	3-9	0-0	1-3	4	1	6
Fudd	24:26	4-8	0-0	1-2	1	1	12
Sims	20:27	2-5	5-5	0-2	2	1	9
Siegrist	17:14	2-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	4
Clark	16:55	0-1	1-2	0-3	1	3	1
James	11:41	2-7	2-2	0-2	2	1	6
Yueru	9:20	2-4	1-2	1-1	0	0	6
Kuier	8:30	3-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	6
Sutton	7:25	0-0	0-0	1-4	2	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**33-69**	**10-12**	**7-38**	**22**	**15**	**83**

Percentages: FG .478, FT .833. **3-Point Goals:** 7-18, .389 (Fudd 4-5, Smith 1-2, Yueru 1-2, Ogunbowale 1-3, Bueckers 0-1, Clark 0-1, James 0-1, Sims 0-1, Siegrist 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Smith 2, Fudd, Kuier). **Turnovers:** 14 (James 2, Shepard 2, Siegrist 2, Smith 2, Bueckers, Clark, Ogunbowale, Sims, Sutton, Yueru). **Steals:** 10 (Fudd 2, Sims 2, Yueru 2, Clark, James, Ogunbowale, Shepard). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 6,251 (7,000).

SOFTBALL

Little League World Series

Double elimination
At Stallings Stadium; In Greenville, N.C.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Game 1: Florida 14, Washington 0
Game 2: Japan 4, New Jersey 1
Game 3: Kentucky 11, California 1

MONDAY'S GAMES

Game 4: Canada vs. North Carolina, 9 a.m.
Game 5: Puerto Rico vs. Japan, noon
Game 6: Italy vs. Florida, 3
Game 7: Texas vs. Game 4 winner, 6
Game 8: Connecticut vs. Kentucky, 9

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Game 9: Washington vs. Game 7 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 10: New Jersey vs. Game 8 loser, 1
Game 11: Game 3 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 4
Game 12: Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Game 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 10 a.m.
Game 14: Game 9 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Game 15: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 1
Game 16: game 5 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 5

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Game 17: Game 15 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 3
Game 18: Game 16 loser vs. Game 13 winner, 6

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Game 19: Game 16 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 3
Game 20: Game 15 winner vs. Game 17 winner, 6

SUNDAY'S GAMES
CONSOLATION GAME

Game 21: Game 20 loser vs. Game 19 loser, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Game 22: Game 20 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3

Sparks 106, Fire 101

Los Angeles	22	21	29	34	— 106
Portland	29	20	23	29	— 101

LOS ANGELES	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Burrell	29:42	3-8	4-4	0-2	4	1	12
Ogwumike	30:13	8-18	3-4	2-10	2	1	22
Hamby	29:14	11-15	1-2	4-10	4	4	23
Atkins	30:35	4-9	0-0	1-3	6	1	12
Wheeler	27:33	3-6	4-4	0-0	8	3	12
Brink	20:33	3-9	0-0	1-5	2	4	7
Park	18:09	5-7	0-0	1-2	4	1	12
Gray	14:01	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	6
TOTALS	**200**	**39-75**	**12-14**	**9-32**	**33**	**16**	**106**

Percentages: FG .520, FT .857. **3-Point Goals:** 16-29, .552 (Atkins 4-7, Ogwumike 3-7, Burrell 2-3, Gray 2-3, Park 2-3, Wheeler 2-3, Brink 1-3). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Brink 2, Hamby 2, Atkins). **Turnovers:** 13 (Burrell 2, Gray 2, Hamby 2, Ogwumike 2, Wheeler 2, Atkins, Brink, Park). **Steals:** 8 (Wheeler 3, Atkins, Burrell, Hamby, Ogwumike, Park). **Technical Fouls:** None.

PORTLAND	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Engstler	21:33	3-11	0-0	2-3	2	4	7
Puoch	20:32	1-1	4-4	0-4	0	2	7
DiLeo	29:05	7-15	3-3	3-8	3	2	19
Carleton	30:24	8-15	1-2	3-11	1	1	24
Leite	26:34	7-15	5-5	0-1	8	3	21
Samuelson	18:55	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	3	2
Buhner	18:27	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	5	3
Oblak	13:26	5-7	1-2	1-2	3	0	12
S.Williams	10:55	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	2
Winterburn	10:09	1-4	2-2	1-2	2	0	4
TOTALS	**200**	**35-77**	**16-18**	**11-34**	**21**	**21**	**101**

Percentages: FG .455, FT .889. **3-Point Goals:** 15-37, .405 (Carleton 7-13, Leite 2-2, DiLeo 2-7, Puoch 1-1, Buhner 1-2, Oblak 1-2, Engstler 1-6, Samuelson 0-1, Winterburn 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Carleton, DiLeo). **Turnovers:** 14 (Leite 4, Carleton 3, Oblak 3, Buhner, DiLeo, Engstler, S.Williams). **Steals:** 8 (Carleton 2, Engstler 2, Oblak 2, Leite, Winterburn). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 13,638 (19,393). **T:** 2:11.

Valkyries 96, Tempo 79

Toronto	20	23	18	18	— 79
Golden State	25	19	23	29	— 96

TORONTO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Conde	33:41	5-14	0-0	1-5	5	2	10
Juskaite	34:44	5-7	4-6	2-4	2	3	15
Sabally	24:50	6-12	4-7	2-8	1	4	19
Allemand	33:53	4-6	0-0	0-3	6	3	11
Rice	26:49	6-12	4-4	2-5	3	5	16
Nurse	17:15	1-4	2-2	0-0	2	1	4
Harrison	17:03	2-9	0-0	1-2	1	1	4
Fagbenle	10:42	0-2	0-0	1-6	0	2	0
Key	1:03	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**29-67**	**14-19**	**10-34**	**20**	**21**	**79**

Percentages: FG .433, FT .737. **3-Point Goals:** 7-30, .233 (Allemand 3-5, Sabally 3-5, Juskaite 1-3, Fagbenle 0-1, Rice 0-2, Nurse 0-3, Harrison 0-4, Conde 0-7). **Team Rebounds:** 10. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Allemand). **Turnovers:** 12 (Sabally 3, Conde 2, Rice 2, Allemand, Fagbenle, Harrison, Juskaite, Key). **Steals:** 3 (Allemand, Conde, Rice). **Technical Fouls:** None.

GOLDEN STATE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Thornton	11:18	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
Zandalasini	15:32	2-5	2-2	0-1	5	1	7
Stokes	32:17	4-6	0-0	3-11	1	4	8
Burton	28:46	6-10	2-3	1-2	6	3	17
Williams	19:18	5-11	2-2	0-2	1	1	15
Salaun	29:30	9-15	2-2	0-3	2	4	24
Hayes	20:29	4-10	6-7	0-3	4	3	15
Chen	20:20	1-5	0-0	0-1	4	2	2
Charles	17:01	1-4	2-2	0-1	2	2	5
Amihere	5:29	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**33-67**	**16-18**	**4-26**	**26**	**20**	**96**

Percentages: FG .493, FT .889. **3-Point Goals:** 14-29, .483 (Salaun 4-9, Williams 3-3, Burton 3-4, Charles 1-1, Thornton 1-1, Zandalasini 1-2, Hayes 1-5, Chen 0-2, Stokes 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Stokes 5). **Turnovers:** 7 (Burton, Charles, Chen, Hayes, Salaun, Williams, Zandalasini). **Steals:** 8 (Hayes 3, Burton 2, Salaun, Stokes, Williams). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 18,064 (18,064).

TENNIS

DC Open

At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Purse: $2,488,125
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP

Lloyd Glasspool and Julian Cash (3), Britain, def. Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

ATP

MIFEL TENNIS OPEN

At Solaz Resort & Spa Los Cabos (Mexico)
Purse: $909,790
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP

Arthur Gea, France, def. Denis Shapovalov (8), Canada, 6-3, 6-4.

DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP

Ryan Seggerman and Patrik Trhac, United States, def. Finn Reynolds and James Watt, New Zealand, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-5), 10-8.

CANADIAN OPEN

At IGA Stadium; In Montreal
Purse: $9,415,725
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 128

Juncheng Shang, China, def. Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, Paraguay, 6-3, 6-3; Jaume Munar, Spain, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

WTA

CANADIAN OPEN

At Sobeys Stadium; In Toronto
Purse: $7,433,076
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 128

Kamilla Rakhimova, Russia, def. Venus Williams, United States, 6-4, 6-1; Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, def. Ariana Arseneault, Canada, 6-2, 6-4; Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, def. Kimberly Birrell, Australia, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4; Katherine Sebov, Canada, def. Aoi Ito, Japan, 6-3, 6-4; Moyuka Uchijima, Japan, def. Cristina Bucsa, Spain, 6-3, 6-4; Sara Bejlek, Czech Republic, def. Wang Xiyu, China, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; Camila Osorio, Colombia, def. Lucrezia Stefanini, Italy, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

ATP

Through Tuesday.

SINGLES RANKINGS

1. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 13450
2. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 8480
3. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 8160
4. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 4740
5. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 3760
6. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 3660
7. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 3620
8. Ben Shelton, USA, 3580
9. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, 3420
10. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3300
11. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 2525
12. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 2470
13. Casper Ruud, Norway, 2435
14. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2420
15. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 2315
16. Learner Tien, USA, 2245
17. Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, 2205
18. Valentin Vacherot, Monaco, 2188
19. Frances Tiafoe, USA, 2180
20. Francisco Cerundolo, Argentina, 2060
21. Tommy Paul, USA, 2025
22. Arthur Fils, France, 1990
23. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 1975
24. Rafael Jodar, Spain, 1927
25. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, 1880
26. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 1780
27. Joao Fonseca, Brazil, 1710
28. Arthur Rinderknech, France, 1633
29. Ugo Humbert, France, 1575
30. Alejandro Tabilo, Chile, 1558

WTA

Through Tuesday.

SINGLES RANKINGS

1. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 8550
2. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 8056
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 6300
4. Coco Gauff, USA, 5649
5. Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 5293
6. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 5168
7. Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, 5016
8. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 4539
9. Amanda Anisimova, USA, 4353
10. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4351
11. Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 3925
12. Victoria Mboko, Canada, 3520
13. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 3086
14. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2845
15. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, 2783
16. Iva Jovic, USA, 2636
17. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 2502
18. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 2458
19. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 2301
20. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 2007
21. Maja Chwalinska, Poland, 1975
22. Madison Keys, USA, 1964
23. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 1948
24. Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, 1829
25. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 1776
26. Emma Navarro, USA, 1674
27. Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 1667
28. Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 1666
29. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 1592

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	4	40	35	14
Inter Miami CF	11	2	5	38	45	32
New England	9	5	3	30	28	21
Chicago	9	6	2	29	32	23
New York City FC	7	6	5	26	31	24
Cincinnati	7	6	5	26	45	44
Charlotte FC	7	7	4	25	29	27
New York	7	7	4	25	29	39
D.C. United	5	5	8	23	26	29
Orlando City	6	10	2	20	30	47
Columbus	5	8	5	20	26	28
Toronto FC	3	7	8	17	24	32
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	25	33
CF Montreal	4	10	4	16	24	35
Atlanta	3	12	3	12	19	33

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	34	38	17
Los Angeles FC	10	5	4	34	35	19
San Jose	10	5	3	33	37	24
Houston	9	6	2	29	25	24
Real Salt Lake	8	6	3	27	29	25
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	32	25
St. Louis City SC	7	6	5	26	24	24
Portland	7	8	3	24	33	33
Seattle	7	7	3	24	20	22
Minnesota United	6	6	6	24	20	25
Colorado	7	10	1	22	27	25
LA Galaxy	5	7	7	22	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	6	21	32	29
Austin FC	4	9	5	17	22	36
Sporting KC	4	12	2	14	18	46

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Toronto FC 1, at New York City FC 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Nashville 2, at D.C. United 2
New England 2, at CF Montreal 2
at New York 3, Orlando City 2
at Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Los Angeles FC 1, at Vancouver 1
Columbus 2, at Miami 2
at Chicago 2, Charlotte FC 1
Houston 2, at Sporting KC 0
San Diego FC 1, at Minnesota 1
Real Salt Lake 1, at St. Louis City SC 1
at Colorado 1, Austin FC 0
at Cincinnati 4, San Jose 2
FC Dallas 0, at LA Galaxy 0
at Portland 2, Seattle 1

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Houston at New England, 4:30

Fire 2, Charlotte FC 1

Late Saturday

CHARLOTTE FC	1	0	1
CHICAGO	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Charlotte FC, Biel, 9 (Gorno), 18th minute; 2, Chicago, Lewandowski, 1 (Zinckernagel), 20th.
Second Half: 3, Chicago, Lewandowski, 2 (Lod), 68th.
Goalies: Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina, Tyler Miller; Chicago, Chris Brady, Josh Cohen.
Yellow Cards: Saletros, Chicago, 10th; Waterman, Chicago, 59th; Lewandowski, Chicago, 90th+6.
Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina; Morrison Agyemang, Nathan Byrne, Henry Kessler, Harry Toffolo (David Schnegg, 70th); Pep Biel, Luca De La Torre, Djibril Diani, Ashley Westwood (Brandt Bronico, 86th); Liel Abada (Rodolfo Aloko, 77th), Idan Gorno (Archie Goodwin, 86th).
Chicago, Chris Brady; Leonardo Barroso, Dje D'avilla (Maren Haile-Selassie, 89th), Jack Elliott, Andrew Gutman, Joel Waterman; Robin Lod (Mauricio Pineda, 89th), Anton Saletros; Jonathan Bamba (Puso Dithejane, 75th), Robert Lewandowski, Philip Zinckernagel.

San Diego FC 1, Minnesota United 1

Late Saturday

SAN DIEGO FC	0	1	1
MINNESOTA	1	0	1

First Half: 1, Minnesota, Chancalay, 2 (Trapp), 3rd minute.
Second Half: 2, San Diego FC, Dreyer, 7 (penalty kick), 64th.
Goalies: San Diego FC, CJ Dos Santos, Duran Michael Ferree; Minnesota, Drake Callender, Alec Smir.
Yellow Cards: Dreyer, San Diego FC, 64th; Callender, Minnesota, 64th.
San Diego FC, CJ Dos Santos; Christopher McVey, Kieran Sargeant (Luca Bombino, 60th); Alejandro Alvarado (Gabriel Pirani, 60th), Anders Dreyer, Manu Duah, Dagur Dan Thorhallsson, Jeppe Tverskov, Onni Valakari (Anibal Godoy, 83rd); Marcus Ingvartsen, David Vazquez (Alex Mighten, 61st).
Minnesota, Drake Callender; Michael Boxall, Jefferson Diaz, Morris Duggan, Kyle Duncan (Bongokuhle Hlongwane, 80th), Anthony Markanich (Devin Padelford, 65th); Owen Gene, Joaquin Pereyra, Wil Trapp; Tomas Chancalay (Mauricio Gonzalez, 80th), Mamadou Dieng (Kelvin Yeboah, 65th).

Real Salt Lake 1, St. Louis City SC 1

Late Saturday

REAL SALT LAKE	0	1	1
ST. LOUIS CITY SC	0	1	1

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Real Salt Lake, Solans, 7 (Lobzhanidze), 60th minute; 2, St. Louis City SC, Hartel, 6, 72nd.
Goalies: Real Salt Lake, Rafael Cabral, Mason Stajduhar; St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki, Ben Lundt.
Yellow Cards: Booth, Real Salt Lake, 6th; Lowen, St. Louis City SC, 28th; Quinton, Real Salt Lake, 30th; Yedlin, Real Salt Lake, 40th; Durkin, St. Louis City SC, 43rd; Sang-bin, St. Louis City SC, 80th.
Real Salt Lake, Rafael Cabral; Sam Junqua, Philip Quinton, DeAndre Yedlin; Zach Booth (Dominik Marczuk, 90th), Noel Caliskan, Griffin Dillon (Stijn Spierings, 45th+1), Diego Luna (Victor Olatunji, 78th), Juan Manuel Sanabria; Lineker Rodrigues dos Santos (Saba Lobzhanidze, 46th), Sergi Solans (Aiden Hezarkhani, 90th).
St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki; Timo Baumgartl, Lukas MacNaughton, Tomas Totland; Chris Durkin (Alexandru Matan, 65th), Daniel Edelman, Eduard Lowen (Marcel Hartel, 65th), Dante Polvara, Jeong Sang-bin (Tomas Ostrak, 84th), Conrad Wallem; Simon Becher (Palmer Ault, 90th).

Crew 2, Inter Miami CF 2

Late Saturday

COLUMBUS	1	1	2
MIAMI	2	0	2

First Half: 1, Miami, Suarez, 10 (Bright), 16th minute; 2, Columbus, Casemiro, 34th; 3, Miami, Allen, 1 (Suarez), 45th+7.
Second Half: 4, Columbus, Mendez, 1, 84th.
Goalies: Columbus, Patrick Schulte, Nicholas Hagen; Miami, Rocco Rios Novo, Dayne St. Clair.
Yellow Cards: Bangoura, Columbus, 74th; Casemiro, Miami, 82nd; Schulte, Columbus, 90th+5.
Columbus, Patrick Schulte; Rudy Camacho, Mohamed Farsi, Steven Moreira; Dylan Chambost (Sekou Tidiany Bangoura, 61st), Daniel Gazdag (Brais Mendez, 62nd), Andre Gomes, Taha Habroune, Hugo Picard (Lautaro Dario Giaccone, 72nd), Sean Zawadzki; Jamal Thiare (Brooks Lennon, 86th).
Miami, Rocco Rios Novo; Noah Allen, Yannick Bright (David Ayala, 75th), Fricio Caicedo, Micael, Facundo Mura (David Ruiz, 75th); Casemiro, Rodrigo De Paul; Daniel Pinter (Lionel Messi, 53rd), Mateo Silvetti (Preston Plambeck, 86th), Luis Suarez.

Dynamo 2, Sporting KC 0

Late Saturday

HOUSTON	0	2	2
SPORTING KC	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Houston, Guilherme, 10 (McGlynn), 55th minute; 2, Houston, Bouzat, 1, 71st.
Goalies: Houston, Jonathan Bond, Blake Gillingham; Sporting KC, Stefan Cleveland, John Pulskamp.
Yellow Cards: Johnsen, Sporting KC, 11th; Resch, Houston, 86th.
Houston, Jonathan Bond; Felipe Andrade (Duane Holmes, 82nd), Lucas Halter, Agustin Resch; Artur, Agustin Bouzat (Franco Negri, 82nd), Lawrence Ennali, Hector Herrera (Diadie Samassekou, 90th); Guilherme (Ondrej Lingr, 90th), Jack McGlynn, Ezequiel Ponce (Duncan McGuire, 65th).
Sporting KC, Stefan Cleveland; Zorhan Bassong (Jacob Bartlett, 85th), Or Blorian, Jacob Davis (Jayden Reid, 65th), Emir Karic, Moises Mosquera (Wyatt Meyer, 65th); Kwaku Agyabeng (Manu Garcia, 65th), Lasse Berg Johnsen; Capita (Shapi Suleymanov, 82nd), Calvin Harris, Dejan Joveljic.

FC Cincinnati 4, Earthquakes 2

Late Saturday

SAN JOSE	1	1	2
CINCINNATI	1	3	4

First Half: 1, San Jose, Munie, 4 (Werner), 26th minute; 2, Cincinnati, Ramirez, 1 (Evander), 34th.
Second Half: 3, San Jose, Werner, 5, 56th; 4, Cincinnati, Barlow, 6 (Evander), 79th; 5, Cincinnati, Evander, 11 (Nwobodo), 82nd; 6, Cincinnati, Jabbari, 2, 90th+5.
Goalies: San Jose, Angus Gunn, Francesco Montali; Cincinnati, Roman Celentano, Evan Louro.
Yellow Cards: Smith, Cincinnati, 20th; Bucha, Cincinnati, 87th; Robinson, Cincinnati, 89th.
San Jose, Angus Gunn; Vitor Costa (Jamar Ricketts, 60th), Daniel Munie, Reid Roberts; Nick Fernandez (Ian Harkes, 53rd), Beau Leroux, Ronaldo Vieira (Dave Romney, 81st); Ousseni Bouda (Jack Skahan, 73rd), Preston Judd, Benjamin Kikanovic (Jack Jasinski, 81st), Timo Werner.
Cincinnati, Roman Celentano; Miles Robinson, Kyle Smith (Teenage Hadebe, 70th); Pavel Bucha, Evander, Samuel Gidi, Obinna Nwobodo (Brian Anunga, 88th); Kevin Denkey (Ayoub Jabbari, 90th+3), Ender Echenique (Alvas Powell, 88th), Kenji Mboma Dem (Tom Barlow, 70th), Bryan Ramirez.

Rapids 1, Austin FC 0

Late Saturday

AUSTIN FC	0	0	0
COLORADO	0	1	1

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Colorado, Navarro, 9 (penalty kick), 90th+4 minute.
Goalies: Austin FC, Brad Stuver, Damian Las; Colorado, Nicolas Hansen, Adam Beaudry.
Yellow Cards: Torres, Austin FC, 70th; Rosales, Austin FC, 72nd; Uzuni, Austin FC, 90th+4; Navarro, Colorado, 90th+5.
Austin FC, Brad Stuver; Guilherme Biro, Mateja Djordjevic, Jon Gallagher (Jayden Nelson, 74th), Brendan Hines-Ike; Joseph Rosales, Besard Sabovic (Przemyslaw Placheta, 73rd), Owen Wolff (Ilie Sanchez, 64th); Facundo Torres (Ervin Torres, 64th), Myrto Uzuni, Brandon Vazquez (Christian Ramirez, 80th).
Colorado, Nicolas Hansen; Reggie Cannon (Alex Harris, 85th), Lucas Herrington, Miguel Navarro, Loic Williams Ntambue Kayumba; Hamzat Ojediran (Joshua Atencio, 58th); Paxten Aaronson, Wayne Frederick (Donavan Phillip, 62nd), Georgi Minoungou (Keegan Rosenberry, 85th), Rafael Navarro, Dante Sealy (Darren Yapi, 62nd).

FC Dallas 0, Galaxy 0

Late Saturday

DALLAS	0	0	0
LOS ANGELES GALAXY	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Dallas, Jonathan Sirois, Michael Collodi; Los Angeles Galaxy, JT Marcinkowski, Novak Micovic.
Yellow Cards: Delgado, Dallas, 4th; Cappis, Dallas, 31st; Kaick, Dallas, 35th; Glesnes, Los Angeles Galaxy, 53rd; Norris, Dallas, 63rd; Nelson, Los Angeles Galaxy, 86th.
Dallas, Jonathan Sirois; Herman Johansson (Sebastien Ibeagha, 79th), Shaq Moore, Nolan Norris, Osaze Urhoghide; Christian Cappis (Clay Holstad, 79th), Patrickson Delgado (Santiago Moreno, 66th), Kaick, Bernard Kamungo; Logan Farrington (Anderson Julio, 66th), Petar Musa.
Los Angeles Galaxy, JT Marcinkowski; Jakob Glesnes, Harbor Miller, John Nelson, Maya Yoshida; Justin Haak, Joseph Paintsil, Marco Reus, Lucas Sanabria (Isaiah Parente, 90th+2), Robert Taylor (Kyogo Furuhashi, 67th), Elijah Wynder (Troy Elgersma, 90th+2); .

Timbers 2, Sounders 1

Late Saturday

SEATTLE	1	0	1
PORTLAND	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Seattle, Kossa-Rienzi, 2, 27th minute; 2, Portland, Kelsy, 9, 41st.
Second Half: 3, Portland, Bye, 1 (Da Costa), 82nd.
Goalies: Seattle, Andrew Thomas, Stefan Frei; Portland, James Pantemis, Trey Muse.
Yellow Cards: Kingston, Seattle, 25th; Miller, Portland, 30th; Kelsy, Portland, 45th+5; Gomez, Seattle, 71st.
Seattle, Andrew Thomas; Stuart Russell Hawkins, Kim Kee-hee (Alex Roldan, 73rd), Nouhou Tolo; Paul Arriola (Kalani Kossa-Rienzi, 7th, Antino Lopez, 85th), Snyder Brunell, Peter Kingston (Sebastian Gomez, 46th), Paul Rothrock, Albert Rusnak; Osaze De Rosario (Danny Musovski, 73rd), Jesus Ferreira.
Portland, James Pantemis; Brandon Bye, Jimer Fory, Kamal Miller, Finn Surman; Cole Bassett (Jose Caicedo, 88th), Diego Chara, David Pereira Da Costa, Ariel Lassister (Antony Alves Santos, 65th); Kevin Kelsy (Ian Smith, 88th), Kristoffer Velde (Omir Fernandez, 90th+4).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	11	3	4	37	23	12
Washington	11	4	3	36	26	13
San Diego	10	6	2	32	24	19
x-Utah	9	5	3	30	26	18
Kansas City	9	7	2	29	29	25
x-Portland	8	5	4	28	27	20
North Carolina	7	6	3	24	26	23
Angel City	7	7	2	23	24	17
Seattle	7	7	2	23	20	21
Orlando	7	9	2	23	22	26
x-Denver	5	6	4	19	21	20
x-Boston	5	8	4	19	18	23
Houston	5	8	4	19	19	25
Bay FC	5	9	3	18	18	24
Louisville	4	11	2	14	21	34
Chicago	4	13	0	12	9	33

x-Late match

FRIDAY'S RESULT

at North Carolina 5, Orlando 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at Louisville 2, Chicago 1
Angel City 1, at Kansas City 1
Gotham FC 1, at Houston 0
Seattle 3, at Bay FC 2

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

San Diego 1, at Washington 0
at Utah 5, Portland 1
Boston at Denver, late

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH

North Carolina at Denver, 10

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Louisville at Orlando, 7
San Diego at Gotham FC, 8

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

North Carolina at Washington, 6:30
Utah at Denver, 4
Kansas City at Houston, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Portland at Boston Legacy FC, 4
Bay FC at Chicago, 7
Angel City at Seattle, 9

USL Championship

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	11	2	5	38	33	19
Charleston	9	6	3	30	37	24
Detroit City FC	8	5	4	28	25	17
Louisville	8	7	3	27	32	31
Pittsburgh	8	8	2	26	20	20
Miami	5	7	7	22	24	31
Rhode Island FC	6	6	4	22	25	19
Indy	6	7	3	21	19	20
Hartford	4	5	8	20	12	16
Loudoun	3	5	9	18	21	29
Birmingham	3	6	8	17	18	21
Brooklyn FC	3	10	4	13	17	32
Sporting Jax	1	13	5	8	23	51

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orange County	9	2	7	34	29	19
San Antonio	8	3	7	31	25	20
New Mexico	8	4	3	27	20	15
Sacramento	7	4	5	26	24	15
Tulsa	7	4	5	26	19	16
Lexington SC	7	6	4	25	27	22
Colorado Springs	7	6	4	25	28	24
El Paso	6	7	4	22	27	27
Phoenix	5	6	7	22	24	25
Las Vegas	6	7	4	22	25	27
Oakland	5	7	6	21	25	28
Monterey Bay FC	4	11	3	15	19	30

FRIDAY'S RESULT

at San Antonio 3, Indy 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at Loudoun 2, Hartford 0
at Lexington SC 3, Monterey Bay FC 2
Detroit City FC 2, at Miami 2
at Charleston 5, Brooklyn FC 0
at Tampa Bay 5, Louisville 4
at New Mexico 1, Colorado 0
Pittsburgh 1, atOakland 0
at Orange County 2, El Paso 0
Phoenix 1, at Las Vegas 1
at Sacramento 5, Sporting Jax 0

SUNDAY'S RESULT

at Birmingham 1, Rhode Island FC 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

Sacramento at Tulsa, 8:30
Monterey Bay FC at El Paso, 9
Oakland at Las Vegas, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Charleston at Loudoun, 7
Birmingham at Brooklyn FC, 7
Phoenix at Lexington SC, 7
Las Vegas at Miami, 7
Sacramento at Pittsburgh, 7
Colorado at Rhode Island FC, 7:30
San Antonio at Louisville, 8
Detroit City FC at Tulsa, 8:30
Oakland at El Paso, 9
New Mexico at Monterey Bay FC, 10
Tampa Bay at Orange County, 10

SUNDAY'S MATCH

Hartford at Indy, 5

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Washington Commanders: Signed C Trey Hill. Released CB Tre Hawkins.
Baltimore Ravens: Placed OL Hakeem Adeniji on the reserve/retired list.
Dallas Cowboys: Signed T Sebastian Gutierrez. Waived DE Charles Snowden.
Philadelphia Eagles: Waived DE Ta'Quon Graham.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Signed S Rayshawn Jenkins. Released S Darnell Savage.
Seattle Seahawks: Reverted LB Ja'Markis Weston to injured reserve after he cleared waivers.
Tennessee Titans: Signed DB Derrick Canteen, DT Khalen Saunders and NT Laki Tasi. Waived DE David Ebuka Agoha, DB Hudson Clark and DT Cam Horsley.

GOLF

PGA Tour

ROCKET CLASSIC

At Detroit Golf Club
Purse: $10 million
Yardage: 7,328; **Par:** 70

FINAL ROUND

$1,800,000
Michael Thorbjornsen (500) 69 64 66 63 — 262 -18
$1,090,000
Xander Schauffele (300) 66 66 67 65 — 264 -16
$690,000
Davis Riley (190) 68 64 63 70 — 265 -15
$490,000
Rasmus Højgaard 69 68 61 68 — 266 -14
$370,000
Hideki Matsuyama (100) 67 68 68 64 — 267 -13
Kris Ventura (100) 68 66 65 68 — 267 -13
Matt Wallace (100) 67 64 69 67 — 267 -13
$252,500
Patrick Cantlay (70) 64 66 70 68 — 268 -12
Rickie Fowler (70) 63 68 67 70 — 268 -12
Ryan Gerard (70) 63 69 69 67 — 268 -12
Michael Kim (70) 65 67 67 69 — 268 -12
Chris Kirk (70) 65 67 66 70 — 268 -12
Davis Thompson (70) 67 68 67 66 — 268 -12
Cameron Young (70) 69 61 68 70 — 268 -12
$162,500
Keegan Bradley (51) 65 68 69 67 — 269 -11
Michael Brennan (51) 65 67 64 73 — 269 -11
Doug Ghim (51) 65 67 70 67 — 269 -11
Rico Hoey (51) 66 69 66 68 — 269 -11
Sungjae Im (51) 67 69 66 67 — 269 -11
$109,500
Chandler Blanchet (40) 72 65 66 67 — 270 -10
Ricky Castillo (40) 66 68 68 68 — 270 -10
Luke Clanton (40) 66 67 67 70 — 270 -10
Corey Conners (40) 67 67 69 67 — 270 -10
Russell Henley (40) 67 67 67 69 — 270 -10
Keita Nakajima (40) 69 67 66 68 — 270 -10
$74,500
Jacob Bridgeman (31) 68 65 70 68 — 271 -9
Stephan Jaeger (31) 65 68 69 69 — 271 -9
Ben Kohles (31) 70 65 68 68 — 271 -9
Mac Meissner (31) 69 68 65 69 — 271 -9
Kevin Roy (31) 69 66 67 69 — 271 -9
$57,214
Emiliano Grillo (22) 66 67 69 70 — 272 -8
Jackson Koivun (22) 69 67 67 69 — 272 -8
David Lipsky (22) 67 67 67 71 — 272 -8
Jordan L. Smith (22) 66 71 65 70 — 272 -8
Brandt Snedeker (22) 66 68 68 70 — 272 -8
Jordan Spieth (22) 68 66 70 68 — 272 -8
Kevin Yu (22) 66 70 65 71 — 272 -8
$44,500
Austin Eckroat (17) 67 68 67 71 — 273 -7
Benjamin James (17) 67 68 65 73 — 273 -7
Justin Lower (17) 68 65 67 73 — 273 -7
Thorbjørn Olesen 67 68 67 71 — 273 -7
$37,500
Joe Highsmith (13) 68 67 67 72 — 274 -6
Si Woo Kim (13) 69 66 65 74 — 274 -6
Hank Lebioda (13) 69 66 70 69 — 274 -6
$29,780
Christiaan Bezuidenhout (10) 68 69 68 70 — 275 -5
Beau Hossler (10) 69 67 70 69 — 275 -5
Marco Penge (10) 70 64 68 73 — 275 -5
Adrien Saddier (10) 67 67 67 74 — 275 -5
Gordon Sargent (10) 67 69 67 72 — 275 -5
$23,860
Zac Blair (7) 69 66 70 71 — 276 -4
Patrick Fishburn (7) 64 66 74 72 — 276 -4
Max Greyserman (7) 68 68 68 72 — 276 -4
Ryo Hisatsune (7) 66 70 72 68 — 276 -4
Matt Kuchar (7) 68 68 70 70 — 276 -4
Matthew McCarty (7) 70 66 72 68 — 276 -4
Adam Schenk (7) 67 68 69 72 — 276 -4
Neal Shipley (7) 67 70 67 72 — 276 -4
J.J. Spaun (7) 67 67 70 72 — 276 -4
Jackson Suber (7) 66 71 69 70 — 276 -4
$22,500
Johnny Keefer (5) 66 70 67 74 — 277 -3
$22,000
Brian Campbell (5) 68 68 70 72 — 278 -2
Mark Hubbard (5) 66 68 73 71 — 278 -2
$øjgaard
Nicolai H 66 69 70 73 — 278 -2
$22,000
Nick Taylor (5) 69 66 71 72 — 278 -2
$21,300
Zecheng Dou (4) 69 67 66 77 — 279 -1
Karl Vilips (4) 69 67 68 75 — 279 -1
Dylan Wu (4) 67 70 71 71 — 279 -1
$20,800
Peter Malnati (3) 61 71 74 74 — 280 E
William Mouw (3) 71 66 75 68 — 280 E
$20,500
Adam Svensson (3) 69 68 74 70 — 281 +1
$20,200
Harris English (3) 67 69 72 74 — 282 +2
Tony Finau (3) 68 67 70 77 — 282 +2
$19,900
Marcelo Rozo (3) 69 68 78 71 — 286 +6

PGA Tour

FEDEX CUP LEADERS

Through Monday.

		Points	Money
1.	Scottie Scheffler	4,123	$16,911,275
2.	Matt Fitzpatrick	3,329	$13,749,496
3.	Cameron Young	3,086	$13,945,452
4.	Wyndham Clark	2,255	$9,876,186
5.	Chris Gotterup	2,254	$7,755,219
6.	Collin Morikawa	2,229	$8,554,512
7.	Si Woo Kim	2,188	$7,413,444
8.	Sam Burns	2,078	$7,583,540
9.	Tommy Fleetwood	2,046	$6,402,605
10.	Ludvig Åberg	1,929	$6,253,271
11.	Rory McIlroy	1,738	$8,465,006
12.	Akshay Bhatia	1,723	$7,473,999
13.	Jacob Bridgeman	1,696	$7,476,865
14.	Russell Henley	1,666	$5,783,335
15.	Xander Schauffele	1,480	$5,603,225
16.	Min Woo Lee	1,470	$5,647,652
17.	Kristoffer Reitan	1,464	$6,183,339
18.	Ryan Gerard	1,426	$5,573,398
19.	Alex Fitzpatrick	1,403	$4,528,684
20.	J.J. Spaun	1,381	$4,751,848
21.	Ryan Fox	1,342	$5,424,259
22.	Viktor Hovland	1,340	$6,128,926
23.	Justin Rose	1,333	$4,853,356
24.	Alex Smalley	1,251	$4,707,433
25.	Gary Woodland	1,238	$4,339,712
26.	Hideki Matsuyama	1,219	$4,324,982
27.	Adam Scott	1,218	$3,780,697
28.	J.T. Poston	1,193	$5,590,029
29.	Robert MacIntyre	1,191	$4,353,388
30.	Nicolai Højgaard	1,177	$4,697,668
31.	Kurt Kitayama	1,161	$4,678,587
32.	Rickie Fowler	1,161	$4,515,036
33.	Bud Cauley	1,155	$4,105,742
34.	Tom Kim	1,139	$3,966,826
35.	Aaron Rai	1,114	$5,001,155
36.	Ben Griffin	1,105	$4,033,407
37.	Sepp Straka	1,096	$4,204,487
38.	Jake Knapp	995	$3,300,296
39.	Justin Thomas	959	$3,455,269
40.	Ryo Hisatsune	889	$3,264,611
41.	Sahith Theegala	883	$3,119,845
42.	Nicolas Echavarria	880	$3,210,482
43.	Patrick Cantlay	862	$3,302,525
44.	Eric Cole	841	$2,773,707
45.	Matthew McCarty	807	$2,926,873
46.	Keith Mitchell	798	$2,741,341
47.	Alex Noren	779	$2,759,740
48.	Harris English	776	$2,654,553
49.	Maverick McNealy	773	$2,995,765
50.	Max Homa	767	$2,527,554
51.	Sam Stevens	741	$2,618,189
52.	Pierceson Coody	739	$2,637,309
53.	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	737	$2,581,759
54.	Daniel Berger	709	$3,325,228
55.	Jordan Spieth	694	$2,730,334
56.	Corey Conners	675	$2,390,591
57.	Shane Lowry	670	$2,467,021
58.	Sungjae Im	660	$2,120,952
59.	Nick Taylor	639	$2,307,915
60.	Harry Hall	628	$2,144,445
61.	Michael Kim	619	$2,215,484
62.	Brian Harman	609	$2,337,739
63.	Patrick Rodgers	600	$2,295,890
64.	Aldrich Potgieter	591	$1,926,006
65.	Matti Schmid	580	$1,716,889
66.	Steven Fisk	573	$1,692,519
67.	Jordan L. Smith	551	$1,792,493
68.	Ricky Castillo	542	$1,574,431
69.	Michael Thorbjornsen	536	$1,897,161
70.	Jackson Koivun	535	$1,677,000
71.	Andrew Putnam	533	$1,939,369
72.	Mac Meissner	515	$1,611,476
73.	Johnny Keefer	499	$1,715,954
74.	Jason Day	495	$1,864,529
75.	Austin Smotherman	495	$1,871,141
76.	Keegan Bradley	489	$2,041,644
77.	Tom Hoge	473	$1,727,861
78.	David Lipsky	465	$1,527,109
79.	Stephan Jaeger	463	$1,576,623
80.	Jackson Suber	455	$1,580,842
81.	Denny McCarthy	449	$1,601,324
82.	Taylor Pendrith	445	$1,488,773
83.	Brandt Snedeker	436	$1,145,022
84.	Brooks Koepka	435	$1,640,972
85.	John Parry	422	$1,258,643
86.	Chandler Phillips	410	$1,303,713
87.	Tony Finau	409	$1,583,180
88.	Andrew Novak	409	$1,528,470
89.	Zachary Bauchou	406	$1,189,478
90.	Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	404	$1,098,718
91.	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	399	$1,046,408
92.	Lucas Glover	398	$1,433,605
93.	Davis Thompson	393	$1,143,663
94.	Kevin Roy	381	$1,132,909
95.	Taylor Moore	379	$1,283,441
96.	A.J. Ewart	373	$1,036,911
97.	Ben Kohles	372	$1,133,734
98.	Matt Wallace	370	$1,311,249
99.	Max Greyserman	370	$1,435,984
100.	Lee Hodges	368	$1,155,900
101.	Doug Ghim	343	$984,021
102.	Billy Horschel	341	$1,173,419
103.	Emiliano Grillo	339	$1,104,555
104.	Seamus Power	310	$943,759
105.	Chandler Blanchet	307	$888,800
106.	Michael Brennan	306	$1,056,168
107.	Marco Penge	305	$1,107,988
108.	Kevin Yu	283	$846,039
108.	Stefano Mazzoli	300	$720,000
109.	William Mouw	283	$983,571
110.	Zecheng Dou	280	$803,518

Women's British Open

Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club;
In Lancashire, England
Purse: $10,000,000
Yardage: 6601; **Par:** 71

FINAL ROUND

$1,500,000
x-Shiho Kuwaki 66 70 73 70 — 279 -5
$921,872
Esther Henseleit 73 69 67 70 — 279 -5
$668,050
Yealimi Noh 67 70 69 74 — 280 -4
$465,601
Nelly Korda 73 68 73 68 — 282 -2
Jeeno Thitikul 64 73 72 73 — 282 -2
$247,127
Wei-Ling Hsu 71 74 69 69 — 283 -1
Charley Hull 69 71 71 72 — 283 -1
Hae-Ran Ryu 66 69 74 74 — 283 -1
Rio Takeda 69 73 72 69 — 283 -1
Shannon Tan 69 74 71 69 — 283 -1
Lottie Woad 69 71 70 73 — 283 -1
$158,889
Celine Boutier 67 74 74 69 — 284 E
Minami Katsu 72 68 71 73 — 284 E
Sara Kouskova 77 69 71 67 — 284 E
Yuka Saso 72 73 71 68 — 284 E
$126,501
Lauren Coughlin 69 71 74 71 — 285 +1
Jin Hee Im 70 71 72 72 — 285 +1
Hyo Joo Kim 75 71 72 67 — 285 +1
Lucy Li 72 68 69 76 — 285 +1
$109,799
Soo Bin Joo 70 69 73 74 — 286 +2
Lydia Ko 71 70 71 74 — 286 +2
Chanettee Wannasaen 68 72 71 75 — 286 +2
$92,423
Pia Babnik 72 74 71 70 — 287 +3
Ashleigh Buhai 69 76 68 74 — 287 +3
Amelia Garvey 76 70 73 68 — 287 +3
Mao Saigo 69 74 73 71 — 287 +3
Patty Tavatanakit 73 73 73 68 — 287 +3
Carla Tejedo Mulet 76 70 68 73 — 287 +3
$72,345
Yuna Araki 73 71 74 70 — 288 +4
Hannah Green 71 73 72 72 — 288 +4
Brooke Henderson 72 72 72 72 — 288 +4
Chizzy Iwai 68 77 71 72 — 288 +4
Sei Young Kim 72 72 72 72 — 288 +4
$0
Paula Martin Sampedro 69 71 76 72 — 288 +4
$72,345
Anna Nordqvist 73 70 77 68 — 288 +4
$57,163
Alexandra Forsterling 70 75 70 74 — 289 +5
Mimi Rhodes 71 70 74 74 — 289 +5
Maja Stark 74 72 73 70 — 289 +5
Jing Yan 72 68 74 75 — 289 +5
Arpichaya Yubol 70 74 77 68 — 289 +5
$48,054
Cara Gainer 74 72 73 71 — 290 +6
Auston Kim 75 68 77 70 — 290 +6
Yana Wilson 70 72 76 72 — 290 +6
$42,146
Nasa Hataoka 73 71 76 71 — 291 +7
Nastasia Nadaud 77 69 72 73 — 291 +7
Dewi Weber 75 69 72 75 — 291 +7
$35,230
Robyn Choi 71 70 73 78 — 292 +8
Manon De Roey 75 71 72 74 — 292 +8
Jin Young Ko 75 70 75 72 — 292 +8
Jenny Shin 72 72 73 75 — 292 +8
Amy Yang 72 73 72 75 — 292 +8
Rose Zhang 74 70 74 74 — 292 +8
$29,325
Ayaka Furue 76 70 65 82 — 293 +9
Alice Hewson 70 74 75 74 — 293 +9
Ariya Jutanugarn 73 71 74 75 — 293 +9
Julia Lopez Ramirez 74 69 78 72 — 293 +9
$0
Yunseo Yang 70 76 72 75 — 293 +9
$25,781
Kajsa Arwefjall 73 69 77 75 — 294 +10
Annabell Fuller 71 74 73 76 — 294 +10
Pauline Roussin-Bouchard 73 72 78 71 — 294 +10
$22,918
Lindy Duncan 75 69 73 78 — 295 +11
Aki Iwai 72 72 78 73 — 295 +11
Aunchisa Utama 73 69 80 73 — 295 +11
$21,731
Amanda Doherty 73 71 76 76 — 296 +12
$20,722
MinJi Kang 71 72 76 78 — 297 +13
Mi Hyang Lee 72 73 78 74 — 297 +13
Alison Lee 72 74 74 77 — 297 +13
$19,710
Casandra Alexander 72 74 81 71 — 298 +14

PGA Champions Tour

PORTUGAL INVITATIONAL

At The Els Club Vilamoura; In Quarteira
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,335; **Par:** 72

FINAL ROUND

$450,000
Zach Johnson 64 68 65 — 197 -19
$264,000
Stewart Cink 67 64 68 — 199 -17
$216,000
Padraig Harrington 66 65 70 — 201 -15
$180,000
Timothy O'Neal 68 66 69 — 203 -13
$Ángel
Miguel 71 66 67 — 204 -12
$0
Mikael Lundberg 66 68 70 — 204 -12
$102,000
Jason Caron 68 68 69 — 205 -11
Vaughn Taylor 68 70 67 — 205 -11
$75,000
Fredrik Jacobson 69 68 69 — 206 -10
Justin Leonard 69 72 65 — 206 -10
Cameron Percy 68 67 71 — 206 -10
Dicky Pride 67 71 68 — 206 -10
$55,500
Darren Clarke 71 68 68 — 207 -9
Retief Goosen 68 69 70 — 207 -9
Tag Ridings 68 72 67 — 207 -9
Rory Sabbatini 65 66 76 — 207 -9
$39,986
Steve Allan 70 69 69 — 208 -8
Stephen Ames 69 69 70 — 208 -8
Chad Campbell 67 70 71 — 208 -8
Alex Cejka 66 70 72 — 208 -8
David Duval 70 70 68 — 208 -8
Ernie Els 68 72 68 — 208 -8
Y.E. Yang 68 67 73 — 208 -8
$0
Jamie Donaldson 69 70 70 — 209 -7
$30,750
Scott Hend 70 68 71 — 209 -7
$26,700
Ricardo Gonzalez 69 71 70 — 210 -6
Mark Hensby 70 70 70 — 210 -6
$0
James Kingston 72 68 70 — 210 -6
$26,700
Bernhard Langer 69 71 70 — 210 -6
$20,288
Billy Andrade 71 72 68 — 211 -5
$0
Johan Edfors 72 68 71 — 211 -5
$20,288
Darren Fichardt 67 73 71 — 211 -5
Paul Goydos 69 68 74 — 211 -5
$0
Andrew Marshall 72 68 71 — 211 -5
$20,288
Paul Stankowski 67 75 69 — 211 -5
Charlie Wi 66 71 74 — 211 -5
Michael Wright 72 68 71 — 211 -5
$15,600
Doug Barron 68 68 76 — 212 -4
Greg Chalmers 75 70 67 — 212 -4
Jerry Kelly 69 71 72 — 212 -4
Rod Pampling 72 68 72 — 212 -4
$13,800
Richard Green 72 68 73 — 213 -3
Jeff Maggert 71 70 72 — 213 -3
$0
Emanuele Canonica 73 70 71 — 214 -2
$12,600
Søren Kjeldsen 70 69 75 — 214 -2
$10,200
Stuart Appleby 70 70 75 — 215 -1
Chris DiMarco 72 69 74 — 215 -1
$0
Keith Horne 69 76 70 — 215 -1
$10,200
Colin Montgomerie 73 74 68 — 215 -1
John Rollins 75 71 69 — 215 -1
Bo Van Pelt 70 69 76 — 215 -1
$6,943
Michael Campbell 73 71 72 — 216 E
Joe Durant 71 72 73 — 216 E
Brian Gay 72 74 70 — 216 E
Matt Gogel 72 69 75 — 216 E
$0
Simon Griffiths 70 74 72 — 216 E
$6,943
Tom Lehman 70 72 74 — 216 E
$0
Greg Owen 69 74 73 — 216 E
$5,100
Woody Austin 71 69 77 — 217 +1
Bob Estes 69 73 75 — 217 +1
Steve Flesch 72 74 71 — 217 +1
Tommy Gainey 71 74 72 — 217 +1
Tim Petrovic 73 73 71 — 217 +1
$4,050
Ben Crane 73 71 74 — 218 +2
Boo Weekley 67 78 73 — 218 +2
$0
Peter Baker 72 74 73 — 219 +3
Adilson Da Silva 71 76 72 — 219 +3
David Drysdale 71 71 78 — 220 +4

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CHRISTINA GIBSON-COMER

Chester the turkey wearing a star-spangled bandanna for July Fourth. No word yet on whether he'll celebrate Thanksgiving.

Chester the turkey escaped slaughter, and found a family

Discovered injured along a highway, he now spends his days snacking on grapes, watching cop shows and getting pats from a friendly FedEx driver

BY **SYDNEY PAGE**

Dave Comer was driving through Lynchburg, Virginia, when he spotted an injured animal lying on the side of the highway.

"I saw it move, so I pulled over," said Comer, who lives in Washington and owns a farm with his wife in Nelson County, Virginia.

He approached the large, white animal and realized it was a turkey.

"He was busted up pretty bad," said Comer, who was driving to the farm on May 8 from Charleston, South Carolina, where he had been for work.

Then Comer did what most people probably wouldn't: "I picked him up and put him in the passenger seat," he said.

When Comer pulled up at the farm with a 38-pound bird seated next to him, his wife did a double take.

"It was this big, huge turkey," Christina Gibson-Comer said. "The poor thing looked so sickly."

The couple believes the turkey — a broad breasted white, the most popular commercial breed — had been on the way to slaughter and somehow escaped a livestock

SEE **PET TURKEY** ON **C9**

Johns Hopkins researcher released

DETAINED AT BWI, WOUND UP IN TEXAS

Lawyer disputes DHS claim of overstaying visa

BY **LIAM BOWMAN**

After Johns Hopkins University public health researcher Fatima Ameaka was detained by immigration authorities as she boarded a domestic flight on Tuesday, the Department of Homeland Security said she had overstayed her visa "in violation of our nation's laws."

Ameaka's lawyer, Benjamin Osorio, said that claim is "not true," citing immigration documents he says buttress his client's case.

Ameaka — a native of Cameroon whose Hopkins colleagues have praised her work advancing public health — was transported from Baltimore-Washington International Marshall Airport to ICE facilities in Virginia, Louisiana and Texas before being released late Friday.

Her case shows how the Trump administration has begun using domestic air travel and alleged visa violations by foreign nationals as a way to step up deportations around the country.

Homeland Security officials say their goal is "to ensure that aliens in our country illegally can no longer fly unless it is out of our country to self-deport." Some immigrants and their attorneys said the effort is already working to discourage flying, with some lawyers warning their clients not to take the risk.

Ameaka, 31, entered the U.S. legally in June 2023 on a Fulbright Scholarship to study for a master's in public health. Her Fulbright ended in June 2024, and she was hired as a research associate at the university in September of that year, according to her LinkedIn profile and interviews with her colleagues.

Tom Inglesby, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, where Ameaka was employed, said she came to the U.S. for a "Fulbright degree, and then stayed on with a visa to work in our center." A copy of an employment authorization document, provided by her lawyer, shows it expiring in December 2029.

A Department of Homeland Security detention notice filed with Ameaka's arrest includes inaccurate information that is contradicted by the government's own records, according to Osorio, Ameaka's attorney.

The notice said that Ameaka was admitted into the U.S. as a "nonimmigrant crewmember (Sea or Air)" with authorization to temporarily remain in the United States, and that she remained in the country beyond June 14, 2024, "without authorization" from federal authorities.

But U.S. Customs and Border Protection records show that Ameaka was admitted under a J-1 student visa, according to a screenshot provided by Osorio.

A spokesperson for DHS did not respond to a request for comment on the discrepancy.

Osorio said that after Ameaka arrived on the student visa, she successfully applied for temporary protected status, which the Biden administration had ex-

SEE **RESEARCHER** ON **C10**

Milwaukee teen who went missing in 2022 found in Blacksburg

A 37-year-old man is accused of kidnapping and sexual assault

BY **JASMINE GOLDEN** AND **MAIA NEHME**

For years, police in Milwaukee received tips from across the country about a 15-year-old Black girl who had gone missing in 2022.

Then in May, officers in a small Virginia town more than 700 miles away were sent to a home to investigate a domestic dispute.

According to court records, the caller said she was the missing teen and had been held against her will for years.

Police in Blacksburg, Virginia, said officers took the caller to safety. They later arrested her alleged abductor, charging him with strangulation and abduction of a child, among other counts.

Two months later, Owen Lars Anderson, 37, of Blacksburg, is facing additional charges in Wisconsin and Virginia, including kidnapping and possession of child sexual abuse material.

Court records allege that Anderson lured the teen from her home in Wisconsin and held her at his residence in Virginia from June 26, 2022, through late May of this year. They said he forbade the teenager from going to school and physically and sexually assaulted her. She told police he threatened to hurt her and her family if she tried to leave.

At the time of Anderson's arrest, he was armed with guns, knives and pepper spray, according to the records. Anderson is being held without bond in a Virginia jail. An attorney listed for him in online court records did not respond to a request for comment Friday.

The Washington Post was not able to reach the family of the teen and does not identify victims of alleged sexual abuse without their consent.

The girl's disappearance drew attention over the years from advocacy groups centered on finding missing Black people, particularly women and children.

In a court filing, authorities in Milwaukee County said a teenager told police she had been communicating with Anderson since she was 12 years old. They used messaging platforms including Kik, Discord and Signal.

The teen talked of struggles at home, the filing states, and Anderson promised to "never hit her, never scream at her." The

SEE **MISSING TEEN** ON **C9**

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
77°	82°	87°	80°

High today at approx. 4 p.m.: **87°**
Precip: **100%** Wind: **WSW 6-12 mph**

For weather news, go to **C16**

VIRGINIA

Three candidates square off in the GOP Senate primary on Tuesday. **C9**

OBITUARIES

Actor Vincent Pastore, who played mobsters and tough guys, was 80. **C10**

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Couple who rescued Chester say having a pet turkey may not be for everyone

DAVE COMER

Christina Gibson-Comer and Dave Comer, the couple who adopted Chester.

CHRISTINA GIBSON-COMER

The Comers quickly became fond of Chester's quirky personality.

CHRISTINA GIBSON-COMER

Chester with some leftover food stuck to his beak.

PET TURKEY FROM **C7**

transport truck.

"He jumped off in a valiant effort to free himself," Gibson-Comer said.

She named the turkey Chester after a character from an old-time radio show she grew up listening to. She recalled a segment in which a family raised a turkey named Chester intending to eat it for Thanksgiving, but they couldn't bring themselves to go through with it.

"I figured it was perfect," Gibson-Comer said.

The Comers brought him to their vet and learned he had shattered his left wing and had severe road rash. He also had broken part of his beak. The vet said Chester was about 6 months old.

Initially, the couple planned to care for Chester for a short while until his health improved, and then they would try to rehome him. But they said they quickly became fond of him and decided to keep him. Radio station WVTF covered the story.

"We grew attached to him," said Comer, who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007 and now works in the Navy's aircraft carrier design program.

The couple said they believe Chester had spent his life confined.

"The first time he walked in the barnyard and had grass under his feet, I could just tell that was so new for him," Comer said.

"He seems really happy," Gibson-Comer said.

Chester is not the first animal — or even bird — the couple have rescued, though he is the first turkey. He is currently their only pet.

> *"We are definitely animal people."*
>
> **Christina Gibson-Comer**

"When the Navy took us to Texas, we went with one dog and came back with five," Gibson-Comer said, noting that they've also taken in injured pigeons, a blue jay and a bird of prey. "We are definitely animal people."

The Comers, who have three adult children, said they were struck by Chester's personality.

"He is so unique, and he's so friendly," Comer said. "He literally follows you around."

"We were really surprised by how smart he is," Gibson-Comer added. "He knows his name. He has also learned to ignore us when he wants to, or he'll have a little tantrum when he doesn't want to move."

They can read Chester's mood based on the color of his caruncles — the fleshy growths on his head and neck, which shift between white, blue and red depending on his emotions. Red tends to indicate excitement or dominance, blue signifies he is calm or content, and white suggests stress or fear.

"When Dave brought him home, he was so sick that his neck and head were really whiteish," Gibson-Comer said. "As he started getting better, we noticed he was blue and red."

The couple splits time between the farm and their home in Chevy Chase, occasionally bringing Chester along to D.C. He enjoys watching police chases on TV (he gets particularly excited by the sound of sirens), and he likes getting his neck rubbed by a FedEx driver.

"He's changed my whole perspective of these kinds of animals," Comer said. "Whatever we're doing, he's got to be in on the action."

Chester's vet told the Comers he could live to be 10 years old if he's well cared for, though domestic turkeys don't generally live that long. They are prone to health issues because of their large size and tendency to overeat and underexercise. They often suffer from heart disease, joint damage and respiratory failure.

"They're not bred to live long," Comer said.

They feed him turkey-specific kibble, along with fruits and vegetables. His favorites are romaine lettuce, watermelon, tomatoes and grapes — which he'll often steal right from Gibson-Comer's hand.

"He's like a toddler," Gibson-Comer said.

"He'll go through this foot-stomping routine," Comer said. "It's quite funny. He's really something."

At the farm, Chester roams free outdoors, but he sleeps inside the house, usually on the floor. His breed can't fly.

"He's slow enough that if he starts walking away and won't come if we call, we can easily get him," Comer said.

In D.C., Chester indicates he wants a walk by pestering the Comers, grabbing their shoes, phones or tablets until they take him out. The Comers put Chester in a dog harness so they can easily grab him if he walks ahead.

"People stop. They love him. It's really something different to see," Gibson-Comer said, adding that several times, strangers have told her they think he's "gorgeous."

The couple said having a pet turkey is tough work and not for everyone. House-training a turkey, for example, is virtually impossible.

"It's never a dull moment," Comer said.

Still, he said, they have no regrets.

"He just became part of the family. … We love him," Comer said. "This guy will live with us until the end of his time."

VIRGINIA

Meet the Republicans who could face Sen. Mark Warner in November

BY **MICHAEL MARTZ**
Richmond Times-Dispatch

MATT MCCLAIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Warner arrives at the Capitol for a Senate vote on June 25.

Virginia Republicans will choose this week among three Fairfax County candidates who are seeking the GOP nomination to challenge Democratic Sen. Mark Warner.

All three — Kim Farington, Bert Mizusawa and David Earl Williams — are political newcomers with experience working for the federal government, but they face a formidable opponent in Warner, a former governor who had more than $16 million in his coffers as of July 15, with the race turning to the general election after the statewide Republican primary on Tuesday.

Mizusawa, a retired major general in the U.S. Army, appears to have the advantage over his primary opponents in terms of money, name recognition and organization, said Chris Saxman, a former Republican delegate who leads Virginia FREE, a statewide business organization attuned to state politics.

"He just comes across as the strongest of the three candidates," Saxman said in a recent interview. "But I don't think any of them have made a compelling case."

Mizusawa leans heavily on his background in national security, both in the military and in civilian roles for the federal government. As an Army major general, he served as commander of the Joint Interagency Task Force to combat corruption, narcotics trafficking, terrorist financing and other illicit activities for two years during the U.S. war in Afghanistan.

A resident of McLean, he served for three years as deputy undersecretary of the Army, and he worked for the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

His campaign website highlights his positions on simplifying the federal tax code, supporting the military, upholding Second Amendment rights to bear arms and promoting the development of nuclear energy.

Mizusawa picked up an endorsement on Friday from state Sen. Mark D. Obenshain (R-Rockingham), chairman of the Virginia Senate Republican Caucus. He had already received endorsements from state Sen. Luther Henry Cifers III (R-Prince Edward) and former congresswoman Thelma Drake (R-Virginia).

"Bert is battle-tested — in military service and in public life," Obenshain said in a statement. "He is a consistent, principled conservative whose commitment to our values has never wavered. Just as importantly, he has the leadership, experience, and judgment to unite Republicans, run a disciplined statewide campaign, and give us our strongest opportunity to win in November."

Mizusawa welcomed the endorsement. "Our campaign has the momentum, and with the support behind our campaign from every corner of Virginia, we are the best positioned to fire Mark Warner this November," he said in a statement.

Farington, of Fairfax Station, is a certified public accountant who has served in multiple positions in the federal government, including the Defense and Agriculture departments, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Office of Management and Budget. She is also the founder and CEO of KTech, a financial management and cybersecurity company.

Her campaign website advocates reduced federal government spending to address the national debt, help for small businesses, support for Second Amendment gun rights, the appointment of "constitutional conservative" judges and school choice.

Williams, of Reston, served in the U.S. Navy and as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps. He has worked in the State Department and as a case officer for the CIA. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

His campaign website emphasizes law enforcement, border security, school choice and parental involvement in education, and reduced federal spending, except for the military.

All three candidates face a massive financial deficit compared with Warner, who was a telecommunications executive before his election as governor 25 years ago.

As of July 15, Mizusawa had raised $376,000 and had $53,000 in hand; Farington had raised almost $146,000 with $16,160 in hand; and Williams had raised $97,000 with $7,187 in hand.

In contrast, Warner has raised $17.8 million over the past 18 months and $25 million since his last election.

The three-term senator is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He also serves on the Senate Finance Committee and the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Warner has remained on the attack over President Donald Trump's handling of the war with Iran, which the senator says is responsible for the rising cost of gasoline, diesel fuel and fertilizer. He also attributed higher prices for consumers to the president's intensifying tariff policy.

He recently introduced a package of legislation to extend oversight of artificial intelligence, including in relation to the data centers necessary to support the technology.

Suspect had told a neighbor to stay off his property in 'strange' interaction

MISSING TEEN FROM **C7**

complaint alleges he also persuaded the teen to film sex acts and send them to him. He threatened to release the footage if she did not comply with further demands.

According to the complaint, the girl's mother reported her missing to police on June 23, 2022. Police later recovered surveillance video showing the teen and sent it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They also learned her iPhone and a social media account had been logged out of that same day.

Authorities allege that Anderson had instructed the teen to leave home, told her to buy a burner phone to communicate with him and "arranged for a ride share" to take her to a movie theater in Chicago, about 1½ hours' drive away, where the pair met up.

The complaint said Anderson allegedly made the teenager factory reset her cellphone before trashing it and the burner phone. He then took her out of the state in a rental car, according to the filing, and the teen told police he sexually assaulted her in the vehicle.

Doug Feuerbach, 76, who lived next door to Anderson in Blacksburg, recalled a "strange" interaction with his neighbor about a year ago after he wandered onto Anderson's part of their shared backyard. According to Feuerbach, Anderson told him to stay off of his property and claimed he was a government employee who practiced martial arts.

Feuerbach also remembered seeing a young woman living at the house. He assumed she was Anderson's daughter and waved at her "once in a while," though he does not remember speaking with her.

He saw the police cars that swarmed his neighbor's home in May.

According to the Wisconsin complaint, the young woman did not initially give her real name to authorities but later revealed her "true identity" and disclosed details about her alleged kidnapping and abuse when speaking to police.

On Friday, Milwaukee police said the teenager in their four-year-old missing person case had been found, but said a privacy law barred them from sharing additional information.

OBITUARIES

VINCENT PASTORE, 80

‘Sopranos’ actor never took his success for granted

Associated Press

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Vincent Pastore at a 25th anniversary celebration for “The Sopranos” in 2024.

Vincent Pastore, a veteran actor who played mobsters and tough guys, and was best known for portraying Salvatore “Big Pussy” Bonpensiero on “The Sopranos,” has died. He was 80.

Bob McGowan, who has managed Pastore since his run on “The Sopranos,” told the Associated Press that he learned of Pastore’s death Saturday from another client and actor on the show, Vincent Curatola.

He said Pastore was found in his home on New York’s City Island after not being heard from for a few days.

McGowan said he had been trying to reach Pastore about a possible job.

“He was the most loyal client, and he always gave to charity,” McGowan said, “and he was the kind of guy who would help anybody, which is rare in my business.”

Robert Attermann represented Pastore for more than 30 years, before his time on “The Sopranos.” While Pastore will be remembered as “Big Pussy,” he was so much more, Attermann said in an email to the AP.

“Vinny was one of the kindest, most generous people I have ever known,” Attermann said. “He treated everyone with warmth and respect, never turning down a fan who wanted a photograph or an autograph. He genuinely appreciated the people who supported him and always made them feel valued.”

Attermann said Pastore loved being an actor and was passionate about his craft while always encouraging young actors, “taking the time to offer guidance and support whenever he could.”

Michael Imperioli, a longtime friend and collaborator, said on Instagram that it seemed as though he had known Pastore forever.

“We did lots of work together and traveled all over the USA as well as Italy and Australia. Lots of good times. Lots of laughs,” Imperioli said. “Vinny was a kind-hearted brother who cared deeply about his family and friends. I will miss him always.”

Pastore appeared in movies dating back to the 1980s, including roles in big films such as “Goodfellas” and “Awakenings,” both in 1990.

He often played gangsters. And it was one of those roles he is best known for: his 30-episode run as Bonpensiero, a friend of Tony Soprano who becomes an FBI informant.

Pastore was born in the Bronx and grew up in suburban New Rochelle, New York. He enlisted in the Navy during the Vietnam War and later attended Pace University, according to his biography on IMDb.

He is survived by his daughter, Renee Pastore.

Government records contradict detention notice, lawyer says

RESEARCHER FROM **C7**

JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Fatima Ameaka, a native of Cameroon, entered the U.S. legally in 2023 on a Fulbright Scholarship.

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> **Benjamin Osorio,** Ameaka’s lawyer

panded to include Cameroonians due to armed conflict in that country. Ameaka later applied for asylum, according to Osorio.

In August 2025, the Trump administration terminated temporary protected status for people from Cameroon, saying it was no longer necessary or in the national interest.

Inglesby described Ameaka as “an extremely warm, kind, generous person.” He said Ameaka is a talented researcher who is studying how to improve public health responses to epidemic diseases.

“She has been an outstanding colleague. She is beloved by all of her co-workers, family and friends,” Inglesby said. “We’re all super worried about her.”

In a statement Friday, Johns Hopkins spokesperson Doug Donovan said that while the university could not comment on the specifics of Ameaka’s situation, it is actively working to provide support for her and her defense.

“The university understands the fear and concern this instills in members of our community,” Donovan said.

A GoFundMe organized by Ameaka’s colleagues quickly raised more than $40,000 to help cover legal costs. The Baltimore Banner previously reported that Ameaka had been detained.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Maryland) criticized her arrest in a social media post Friday evening.

“Fatima came to the US on a Fulbright scholarship & is a researcher at Johns Hopkins. She had previously filed for [temporary protected status] & currently has a pending asylum case. But ICE has detained her & is working to deport her. She is not the ‘worst of the worst’ & deporting her is not making us safer. We must stand up & speak out,” Van Hollen said in the post.

Ameaka was able to leave two voicemails to people close to her in the moments after her arrest. Family and other supporters had been concerned she would not have access to the medication she needs for a chronic medical condition while in custody. Friends expressed relief late Friday when she was released and headed for a hotel, though they still have concerns about the ongoing case.

“I think most people would agree that we probably shouldn’t be detaining people who are here lawfully, are in lawful pending status, have no criminal history and are a productive member of society,” Osorio said.

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ANDERSON

WINIFRED GUTHRIE ANDERSON
(Age 92)

Winifred “Win” Guthrie Anderson passed away peacefully on June 30, 2026, at the age of 92, leaving behind a life defined by intellect, compassion, faith, and devoted service to children and families.

Winifred was born on December 12, 1933, in Austin, Texas, to Edwin Dillard Guthrie and Marjorie Yarrell Guthrie. She spent her early childhood in Austin before her family moved to Evanston, Illinois, where she graduated proudly from Evanston Township High School as a member of the Class of 1952.

She attended Radcliffe College before returning home to care for her father during his illness. She later completed her degree in mathematics at Northwestern University in 1956, demonstrating the independence, resilience, and force of will that would characterize her life.

While at Northwestern, Winifred met James Desmond Anderson, a fellow Evanston Township High School and Northwestern graduate. Their marriage would span more than 65 years and serve as the foundation of a life rich in family and service. Together, they raised three sons—Walter, Mark, and Kent—and built a home filled with curiosity, learning, laughter, and a commitment to helping others. Their life together took them from Wisconsin to Florida and ultimately to Northern Virginia as they followed Jim’s calling in ministry, forming lasting friendships and touching countless lives along the way.

Winifred began her professional career teaching mathematics at The Madeira School. After earning a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from George Washington University, she founded Resurrection Preschool in Alexandria, Virginia. There she discovered what would become her life’s calling: ensuring that children with disabilities received the educational opportunities they deserved, while equipping parents to become effective advocates for their children’s needs.

That calling led her to establish the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC), where she served as founding Executive Director. Through PEATC, Winifred helped transform special education advocacy by training thousands of parents, educators, and professionals to navigate the educational system on behalf of children with disabilities. Her influence extended far beyond Virginia as she conducted advocacy training programs throughout the United States and authored several books on educational advocacy that were translated into Korean, Farsi, French, and Spanish.

Winifred is survived by her sons, Walter Anderson, Mark Anderson, and Kent Anderson; their spouses and partners; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a wide circle of extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James “Jim” Anderson; her sisters, Marjorie Guthrie Morgan and Gene Weeks; and her daughter-in-law, Cathy Anderson.

Her legacy lives not only in the family she cherished, but also in the countless children whose educational futures were improved because one determined educator believed that parents could become their children’s strongest advocates.

A celebration of Winifred’s life will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 Pitt Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the ETHS Foundation in memory of Win Anderson. Donations can be made through the Foundation’s website by selecting “This gift is in honor, memory, or support of someone” and entering Win’s name.

The ETHS Foundation Website: www.supporteths.org/donate-now/

KEISLER

SHIRLEY F. KEISLER (Age 74)

Shirley F. Keisler, 74, died peacefully surrounded by family on July 21, 2026, at Inova Fairfax Hospital after a brief battle with pancreatitis. She was born on August 8, 1951, in Philadelphia, PA and was the daughter of Natalie Elaine Hoffman and her adoptive father, Albert Polonsky. Shirley received her Bachelor of Arts from The Pennsylvania State University, her Master of Arts in Art Therapy from Temple University and her Juris Doctorate from George Mason University School of Law. She was a loving mother and wife, an avid follower of politics and always valued and prioritized time with family and friends. Shirley cared deeply for those around her. Her wit, wisdom and ability to listen intently with genuine interest and feeling drew people to her. She thoughtfully built and maintained a rich personal life.

Shirley was a recognized, highly skilled Family Law attorney who understood the emotional and financial impact a family law matter can have on an individual. She provided advice and guidance to her clients to help them navigate and resolve disputes involving complex financial matters, custody and access to children, child and spousal support and the division of marital property including the distribution of retirement assets. Her practice encompassed negotiating and drafting international pre- and post-marital agreements; international custody agreements; cross-border child abduction and child custody disputes, receiving recognition from the Unites States Department of State for her work. She represented foreign diplomats serving in the U.S. and those who were members of the U.S. Foreign Service and other government agencies. She was a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

For most of her career, Shirley practiced from her own law firm, Keisler & Lee, or as a lead partner at Grenadier Starace Duffett & Keisler, Offit Kurman LLP and as Of Counsel to Family Law & Mediation Center PLC.

Shirley is survived by her beloved husband, Craig B. Young; her children Allison Splaun (Braxton Splaun) and Jonathan Keisler (Jessica Peterson); her step-children Christopher B. Young (Laura Lieberman-Young) and Matthew T. Young (Alexandra Young); and six grandchildren and step-grandchildren, Madeline Splaun, Harper Splaun, Camden Young, Hayden Young, Sophie Young and Stella Young.

A private family funeral and celebration of Shirley’s life will be conducted. In lieu of flowers, cards or gifts, please make contributions in Shirley’s name to the American Cancer Society. She will be missed enormously by her family, friends and colleagues.

NEILL

DENIS MICHAEL NEILL
JUNE 25, 1929 - JULY 22, 2026

Denis Michael Neill died peacefully at home in Bethesda, Maryland, on July 20, 2026. He was 83. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Kathleen (Golden) Neill, their two children and five granddaughters.

Mr. Neill was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Thomas P. and Agnes Weber Neill. His family soon after moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he grew up as the second of nine children. Denis was a proud “Triple Billiken.” He graduated from Saint Louis University High School in 1960, Saint Louis University in 1964, and Saint Louis University School of Law in 1967.

Following law school, Denis moved to the New York area, where he worked briefly for the Internal Revenue Service in Newark, New Jersey. He then moved to Washington, D.C., where he served for three years as a lieutenant and attorney in the United States Coast Guard. After working in private practice, he joined the Office of the General Counsel at the United States Agency for International Development. He later served as Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Policy Coordination before being appointed by President Gerald Ford to serve as Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs. During his time at USAID, he received both a Superior Unit Citation and a Distinguished Honor Award.

Shortly after leaving government service, Mr. Neill founded Neill & Company in 1981. Among its clients were major American companies and numerous foreign governments, including Egypt, Pakistan, Jordan, Morocco, Kenya, and El Salvador. During this time, he became known for his expertise in foreign assistance, defense policy, and United States relations with the Middle East. Later in his career, he served as president and chief executive officer of General Technologies Associates, LLC.

One of his proudest achievements was helping to found the Yellow Ribbon Fund in 2005. The organization supports wounded, ill, and injured post-9/11 service members, their caregivers, and their families. Mr. Neill also served on the board of the Barker Foundation and was a longtime member of Columbia Country Club.

Above all, Denis treasured his family. Kathy was his beloved partner of 60 years, and he was devoted to her and to the life they built together. He delighted in gathering the Neill family for celebrations in St. Louis, Bermuda, Paris, and wherever else they could make memories together. He loved traveling for both business and pleasure, particularly to France. He especially enjoyed playing his own version of poker with his granddaughters, handing out $2 bills to the winners, and often to everyone else he encountered as well. Guided throughout his life by his strong Catholic faith and his love of family, he was a source of love and generosity to all who knew him.

Mr. Neill is survived by his wife, Mary Kathleen (Golden) Neill; his son, Mark Neill of Lake Worth, Florida, and Mark’s daughters, Sarah, Ailani, Emma, and Charlotte; and his daughter, Erin Neill, her husband, Lee Emmert, and their daughter, Poppy, of Bethesda, Maryland.

He is also survived by his siblings, Cathy Neill of Durango, Colorado; Mark Neill (Kelly), Maggie Neill (Diane Ford), and Joe Neill (Beth), all of St. Louis, Missouri; Ed Neill (Linda) of Harrisville, Michigan; and Jim Neill (Chip Fangman) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his brother-in-law, Tony Golden (Rita) of Jamesville, New York; and many beloved nieces and nephews across the country. He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, Tom and John.

Adieu, Denis. Que Dieu te garde.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 11 am at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Potomac, Maryland. A Celebration of Life will follow. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 4, from 3 PM to 7 PM at Joseph Gawler’s Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Those wishing to honor Denis’s memory are invited to consider a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association or the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

IN THE MATTER OF CROOM COMMUNITY ENERGY INITIATIVE LLC'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 3.9 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO. 9881

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

A pre-hearing conference in the above-entitled matter is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, via virtual platform, concerning Croom Community Energy Initiative LLC's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 3.9 MW solar photovoltaic generating facility in Prince George's County, Maryland.

The proposed Project is located at
11403 Croom Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Barring technical difficulties, anyone wishing to observe the live stream of the hearing may do so via the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/@mdpscpuljs327. At the pre-hearing conference, any preliminary matters will be discussed and the establishment of a procedural schedule.

Petitions to intervene must be filed on or before **Thursday, August 20, 2026** and may be filed electronically through the Commission's website at https://psc.maryland.gov, or by first-class mail with the Commission's Executive Secretary, Andrew S. Johnston, Maryland Public Service Commission, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, **and must reference Case No. 9881**. The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing. Instructions for e-filing are found under the "E-file" section of the Commission's website under the "Learn More" link.

Newspaper Notice

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *United States of America v. Edwards LifeSciences Corp. and Genesis Medtech Group Limited*, Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-02450. On July 13, 2026, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that Edwards' acquisition of JC Medical, Inc. from Genesis violated the HSR Act, 15, U.S.C. § 18a. The proposed Final Judgment, filed at the same time as the Complaint, requires Edwards to pay a civil penalty of $10 million dollars, institute an antitrust compliance program, and to provide the FTC notice prior to acquiring any part of a firm that is selling or conducting clinical trials in the United States for a transcatheter aortic valve replacement for aortic regurgitation ("TAVR-AR") device. The proposed Final Judgment also requires Genesis to pay a civil penalty of $2 million dollars. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on July 13, 2026, describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Maribeth Petrizzi, Special Attorney, United States, c/o Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Compliance Division, GAO-5T57, Org Code 1031, GAO-5K21, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580 (email address: bccompliance@ftc.gov) within 60 days of the first publication date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register.*

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PATRICK D. MOYLAN, Trustee(s), dated June 30, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 10151 , folio 286 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 ON,

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Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (16-06025)

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

120 46TH PL NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2025-CAB-003339 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 120 46TH PL NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0133 and in Square 5138 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JANUARY 16, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007006832 property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees' File No. 24-006924

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
KNOWN AS:
1702 WEST VIRGINIA AVE. NE UNIT 201,
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on July 31, 2009, as Instrument Number 2009083600 , and in accordance Judgment filed on March 24, 2026 in case 2025-CAB-002676 and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.
5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440
Washington, DC 20015-2034
On
August 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

1702 West Virginia Ave. NE Unit 201, Washington,
DC 20002, LOT 2027 AND SQUARE 4051

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (5% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current years real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchasers default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest.

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

1409 STAPLES STREET NORTHEAST,
WASHINGTON DC 20002

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2023-CAB-003644the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1409 STAPLES STREET NORTHEAST, WASHINGTON DC 20002, at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 141 and in Square 4061 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JANUARY 2, 2019 as Instrument Number: 2019000375 property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $50,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable onan annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees' File No. 21-000643

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
KNOWN AS:
3832 HALLEY TERRACE SE,
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on November 13, 2019, as Instrument Number 2019123318 , and in accordance Judgment filed on May 6, 2026TR in case 2023-CAB-004583 and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of

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5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440
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On
August 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

3832 Halley Terrace SE, Washington, DC 20032
LOT 0816 AND SQUARE 6116

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (5% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current years real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchasers default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest.

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

1626 15TH ST NW APT. 301, WASHINGTON DC 20009

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2024-CAB-005854 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1626 15TH ST NW APT. 301, WASHINGTON DC 20009 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0193 and in Square 2020 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on October 8, 2015 as Instrument Number: 2015103370 property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees' File No. 24-006337

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
700 Justin Way
Silver Spring, MD 20901

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JEAN M. HUMPHREY, dated December 2, 2008 and recorded in book 36410 , page 346 among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-15-CV-24-003595; Tax ID No. 13-01360968) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction MONTGOMERY COUNTY courthouse located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 .

AUGUST 11, 2026 at 11:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 46,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 24-000675-01)

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

1711 KALMIA ROAD NW, WASHINGTON DC 20012

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case:2016 CA 002141 R(RP) the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1711 KALMIA ROAD NW, WASHINGTON DC 20012 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **August 25, 2026 AT 11:00 AM**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0006 in Square 2748, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded May 31, 2005 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, as Instrument Number 2005074011 the property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $50,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid SIXTY (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 15-900076

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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New Market, MD 21774

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BRITTNEY ANN SCHMIDT, dated May 18, 2021 and recorded in book 15227 , page 74 among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-10-CV-25-000962; Tax ID No. 27-511732) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction FREDERICK COUNTY C ourthouse located at 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 .

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 42,800.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for FREDERICK COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at 3.25000 % from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-03379)

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2400 41ST ST NW 311, WASHINGTON DC 20007

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2023-CAB-007300 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 2400 41ST ST NW 311, WASHINGTON DC 20007 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2034 and in Square 1708 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on February 23, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007025464 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $25,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees’ File No. 23-001666

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3022 23RD ST SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2024-CAB-006741 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 3022 23RD ST SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0802 and in Square 5842 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on April 28, 2020 as Instrument Number: 2020051868 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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4527 ALABAMA AVE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2023-CAB-001894 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 4527 ALABAMA AVE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20019, at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 184 and in Square 5361 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 as Instrument Number: 202112655 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees’ File No. 22-010959

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4532 EADS PLACE NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2024-CAB-005861 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 4532 EADS PLACE NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0106 and in Square 5132 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on January 4, 2022 as Instrument Number: 2022001082 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees’ File No. 23-009807

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5039 - 5043 A ST SE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2024-CAB-000429 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5039 - 5043 A ST SE, WASHINGTON DC 20019 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 10,11 & 12 and in Square 5327 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on September 23, 2022 as Instrument Number: 2022097635 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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5117 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NORTH WEST, WASHINGTON DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2024-CAB-003235 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5117 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NORTH WEST, WASHINGTON DC 20011 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0009 and in Square 3398 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on April 20, 2015 as Instrument Number: 2015036792 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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5618 EASTERN AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2025-CAB-001789 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5618 EASTERN AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON DC 20011, at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0096 and in Square 3744 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 as Instrument Number: 2017100235 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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713 D STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in Case: 2023-CAB-006376 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 713 D STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M,** the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0021 and in Square 0894 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on August 12, 2019 as Instrument Number: 2019085398 property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $45,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid for thirty days (30) of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.Trustees’ File No. 23-007618

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In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbias Decree of Sale in CASE: 2017-CA-003179-R(RP) the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as **123 Peabody Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011** at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 11:30 AM**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being in SQUARE 3376 and LOT 0028, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on APRIL 10, 2007 as Instrument Number 2007049437.

The property will be sold by Trustee’s Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $ 500.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Trustees’ File No. 19-15821

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING

KNOWN AS:
5406 Illinois Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a deed of trust from AUGUST 30, 2024, as Instrument Number 2024099006 in case 2025-CAB-003743 and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.,
5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440
Washington, DC 20015-2034
on
AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 10:45 AM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

5406 Illinois Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20011
Lot 0048 Square 2996

The property will be sold in an “AS IS WHERE IS” condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $25,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 11.00% from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within THIRTY DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current year’s real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within thirty days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser’s only remedy is return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee’s File No.25-0022

Allan P. Feigelson, PA.

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
KNOWN AS:
56 GALVESTON PLACE SOUTHWEST,
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on December 3, 2018, as Instrument Number 2018120012, and in accordance Judgment filed on April 15, 2026 in case 2023-CAB-003881 and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.
5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440
Washington, DC 20015-2034
on
August 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as

56 Galveston Place Southwest,
Washington, DC 20032 UNITS 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B
LOT 2025, 2026, 2027 & 2028 AND SQUARE 6239-S

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (8% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current years real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchasers default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but notlimited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest.

Trustees File No. 90244
Daniel J. Pesachowitz, Esquire
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850 Montgomery County

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
11729 LITTLE SENECA PKWY
CLARKSBURG, MD 20871

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2012, and recorded in Liber 43993 , folio 246, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $169,700.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 02-03617116

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, **including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.**

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $11,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.8750% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-376334)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Substitute Trustees

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

3217 12th Street, NE, Unit 101
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2007 in Square 3931

1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 102
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2032 in Square 3931

1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 107
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2037 in Square 3931

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") dated January 10, 2017 and recorded on January 11, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017003882 from Jackson Place, LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to George W. Connors, IV and Kimberly Somers ("Original Trustees"), as trustees, for the benefit of WashingtonFirst Bank ("Original Lender"), as beneficiary, securing a Deed of Trust Note (the "Note") dated January 10, 2017 in the maximum principal amount of $750,000.00 made by Borrower, as borrower, payable to the order of Original Lender, as payee, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the recordation and mailing of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Original Trustees as trustees under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee under the Deed of Trust, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THOSE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 3217 12th Street, NE, Unit 101, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2007 in Square 3931), 1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 102, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2032 in Square 3931), and 1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 107, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2037 in Square 3931), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right to sell the property or any part thereof in one parcel, as an entirety, or in such parcels and in such manner or order as Substitute Trustee, in the sole exercise of his discretion, may elect.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 per lot, or $60,000.00 if all lots are sold together, by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Sara Tussey
Andrew Higgins
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Estate of Brian E. Martin
Greta R Martin
4504 Henderson Road
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-25-000952

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **22nd day of July, 2026** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **4504 Henderson Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **21st day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **21st day of August 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$253,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

FILE NUMBER:24-002971-MD-F-2

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

VERMELL M. WHEELER
(DECEASED)
9506 Tellico Place
Clinton, MD 20735
Defendant(s).

Case No.CAEF22-13030

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **22nd day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **9506 Tellico Place, Clinton, MD 20735** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **24th day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **24th day of August, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$315,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
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File No. 144148.00004

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

Tax ID No. 07-03669303 identified as 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, Tax ID No. 07-03868144 identified as 10405 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, and Tax ID No. 07-03868155 identified as Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, among the Records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (the "Properties")

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement from Wildwood Medical Center L.L.C., to Steven E. Anderson and Barbara Nixon, Trustees, dated June 18, 2021, and recorded August 5, 2021, in Book 63666, at Page 79, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland ("Land Records"), as modified or amended by that certain Modification Agreement (Deed of Trust and Security Agreement) dated December 1, 2022, and recorded December 28, 2022, in Book 66613, at Page 40, among such Land Records, as further modified or amended by that certain Second Modification Agreement (Deed of Trust and Security Agreement) dated January 8, 2025, and recorded January 9, 2025, in Book 68775, at Page 379, and re-recorded February 19, 2025, in Book 68887, at Page 331, among such Land Records, and as further modified or amended by that certain Third Modification Agreement (Deed of Trust and Security Agreement) dated February 25, 2026, and recorded March 2, 2026, in Book 70190, at Page 501, as may have been further modified or amended (which Deed of Trust and Security Agreement, together with all modifications or amendments thereto, extensions or renewals thereof and substitutions therefore being hereinafter referred to as the "Deed of Trust"), default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees ("Trustees") will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, at the Court House Door, on

August 5, 2026 at 12:30 PM

All those Fee-Simple lots of ground and the improvements thereon, if any, identified as Tax ID Nos. 07-03669303, 07-03868144, and 07-03868155 and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The Properties and improvements, if any, thereupon will be sold in "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000,000.00 by cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion at the time of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8.68% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer, and recordation taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Properties. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Properties from the date of sale forward. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorneys' fees and the full commission of the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and the full commission of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining deposit shall be applied to the loan secured by the Deed of Trust. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Properties at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Properties. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Properties by said defaulting purchaser, and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Properties or the proceeds of the resale.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

ALPHA JOHNSON
6618 Insey Street
District Heights, MD 20747
Defendant(s).

Case No.CAEF20-16657

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **23rd day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6618 Insey Street, District Heights, MD 20747** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **24th day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **24th day of August, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$340,500.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

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875 Fauquier County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
11264 REMINGTON ROAD,
BEALETON, VA 22712

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 22, 2008, in the original principal amount of $269,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fauquier County, Virginia, in Book 1287 at Page 700 as Instrument No. 2008-00001188. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fauquier County, 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 7, 2026, at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO WIT: PROPERTY LOCATED IN FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA: LOT 4 OF THE PROPERTY OF JOHN RANDOLPH PARKS, TRUSTEE, CONTAINING 14,280 SQUARE FEET AS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY JAMES H. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED OCTOBER 4, 1996 A RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 810, PAGE 1020 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. VA-371779-1.

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850 Montgomery County

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid & Crane, LLC
11350 McCormick Road, EP 1, Suite 302
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
8632 STABLEVIEW COURT
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20882

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated August 16, 2006, and recorded in Liber 32939, folio 507, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $768,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 1:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 01-02373988

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, **including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.**

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $66,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (23-143375)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Substitute Trustees

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
18724 BROOKE ROAD
BRINKLOW, MD 20860

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 29, 2006, and recorded in Liber 33113, folio 98, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $1,280,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 08-03508331

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, **including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.**

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $116,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.75% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (24-212599)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
3027 Medway Street
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to JACKIE MILLER, Trustee(s), dated October 12, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 34981 , folio 613 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 13-01243250.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $17,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (19-15771)

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878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE SALE
40 Naples Road,
Stafford, VA 22554
Stafford County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $369,000.00, dated September 22, 2020 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Stafford County, Virginia**, in Document No. 200024981, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee and will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Judicial Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, on **August 31, 2026 at 2:15 PM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 45, Section 2, Brentsmill, with any improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of **$20,000.00** or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $9,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. Sale is also subject to buyer providing Trustee with information needed for reporting requirements required by Federal Law including FinCen requirements (31 CFR Chapter X) within 15 days from date of sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
11537 Summer Oak Dr
Germantown, MD 20874

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to THOMAS P. DORE, Trustee(s), dated May 26, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 63278 , folio 15 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, and more fully described in the above-referenced
Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 09-01854226.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $18,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.25 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (25-09751)

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881 Orange County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
2653 GREY WOLF LANE,
LOCUST GROVE, VA 22508

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 21, 2025, in the original principal amount of $368,600.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Orange County, Virginia as Instrument No. 250001270. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Orange County, 109 W. Main Street, Orange, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 2, 2026, at 9:15 AM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 600R-1, SECTION 12, WILDERNESS SHORES AS THE SAME IS DESCRIBED IN DEED OF VACATION, SUBDIVISION AND EASEMENTS RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER CLR240001367, AND IN THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY LEGACY ENGINEERING, DATED DECEMBER 12, 2023 AND REVISED FEBRUARY 2, 2024, ENTITLED "PLAT OF VACATION AND SUBDIVISION, WILDERNESS SHORES SECTION TWELVE & THIRTEEN, GORDON MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA", AND RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET S, SLOTS 246 THROUGH 258, INCLUSIVE, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. VA-384368-1.

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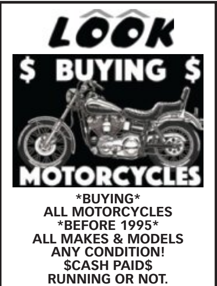

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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13107 CHERRY BEND TERRACE
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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 4, 2007, and recorded in Liber 34611, folio 376, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $540,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 1:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 09-02296787

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, **including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.**

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $45,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-320411)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
3711 Blackwater Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from TANYA HARRELL, dated October 26, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26648, folio 453 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF22-20226; Tax ID No.05-0350066) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $30,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-002323)

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GOLDEN RETRIEVERS FOR SALE AKC, 2 females, 5 years old, to good homes. Vet check and shots up to date. $400. **Call 540-383-9443**

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PUPS & ADULTS 8 wks - 5 yrs.
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Must Go!

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
8469 Greenbelt Rd #201
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOSEPH OMOTUNDE, A SINGLE PERSON, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded in Liber 27266, folio 100 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-26-002259; Tax ID No.21-2303675) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-016440)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
8108 51ST AVENUE
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from CYNTHIA D. HARDING, dated June 6, 2005 and recorded in Liber 25798, folio 125 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-23-004270; Tax ID No.21-2400950) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-007087)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14977 Ring House Road
Brandywine, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BARRY MASSEY, dated November 24, 2023 and recorded in Liber 49373, folio 508 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-004735; Tax ID No.11-5703916) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
11704 Holly Hock Ct
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from TAMMY HILL, dated July 28, 2005 and recorded in Liber 23182, folio 529 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-002492; Tax ID No.15-2765162) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-000736)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9621 ANNAPOLIS ROAD
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOSEPH C. MITCHELL AND CAMILLA J MITCHELL, dated June 8, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28605, folio 574 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-006400; Tax ID No.20-2237956) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
9061 CONGRESS PLACE
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MORLAI KAMARA, dated December 8, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26680, folio 444 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-26-002536; Tax ID No.13-1505718) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 15-700039)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14491 ROCK CREEK ROAD
BRANDYWINE, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from WILLIAM S. THOMPSON JR., A MARRIED MAN AND ARIELLE M. THOMPSON, HIS WIFE, dated December 22, 2020 and recorded in Liber 44747, folio 503 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-003508; Tax ID No.04-2858322) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-004595)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
5806 Lundy Drive
Lanham, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from Richard Harold Sclafford, dated November 22, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26924, folio 613 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-006560; Tax ID No.20-2255990) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-013689)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
6709 Dower House Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DOUGLAS E. WYCH, SURVIVING SPOUSE, dated February 16, 2024 and recorded in Liber 49603, folio 102 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-25-006159; Tax ID No.09-0989939) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-002744)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
3021 Spice Bush
Laurel, MD 20724

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DOUGLAS HARRIS AND LYNN O'CONNOR, dated June 14, 2005 and recorded in Liber 16605, folio 0190 AND RE-RECORDED IN LIBER 36788 FOLIO 258; among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-24-000242; Tax ID No.04-675-90083646) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 18-700565)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
6212 Bighorn Ct
Waldorf, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from WILLIAM R. GLASS AND NADINE L. GLASS, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, dated March 27, 2013 and recorded in Liber 08283, folio 0472 among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-08-CV-25-000997; Tax ID No.06-166598) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-003368)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
6725 Maxwell Dr
Hughesville, MD 20637

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JAMES HAYES-BARBER, UNMARRIED MAN, dated October 18, 2021 and recorded in Liber 12391, folio 131 among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-08-CV-25-001012; Tax ID No.09-014047) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646, on

AUGUST 5, 2026 at 12:30 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $30,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-005333)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
14 N Maryland Ave
Brunswick, MD 21716

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to A. BRUCE CLEVELAND AND JOHN SCHOEMER, Trustee(s), dated April 23, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 10027, folio 140 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# -25-479637.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $9,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.625% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
558 Cotswold Ct
Frederick, MD 21703

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to STEWART ZEMIL, Trustee(s), dated June 27, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 16224 , folio 90 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

AUGUST 12, 2026 at 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# -02-147688

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $22,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.499% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

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There's a storm a-comin'

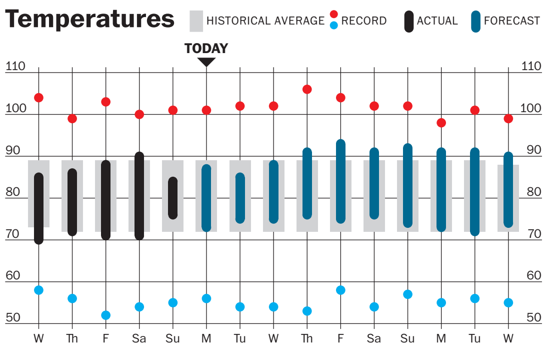
Expect showers throughout the day, as well as a heavy thunderstorm. Despite persistent clouds, the mercury could climb to the high 80s and feel even hotter, in part because of the high humidity. Exercise caution when driving, as heavy rainfall could cause partial flooding on roadways. The chance of rain and thunderstorms is lower in the evening, when temperatures are expected to fall to the low 70s.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T-storms	A t-storm	A shower and t-storm	A t-storm around	A shower and t-storm	Humid; a p.m. t-storm
87° 73°	85° 75°	88° 75°	91° 76°	93° 75°	91° 76°
REALFEEL®: **94°**	REALFEEL® **89°**	REALFEEL® **97°**	REALFEEL® **99°**	REALFEEL® **104°**	REALFEEL® **98°**
CHANCE PRECIP: **100%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **60%**
WIND: **WSW 6–12 mph**	WIND: **ENE 6–12 mph**	WIND: **S 6–12 mph**	WIND: **SSW 8–16 mph**	WIND: **SSW 7–14 mph**	WIND: **SSW 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **Very High**	HUMIDITY: **Very High**

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures

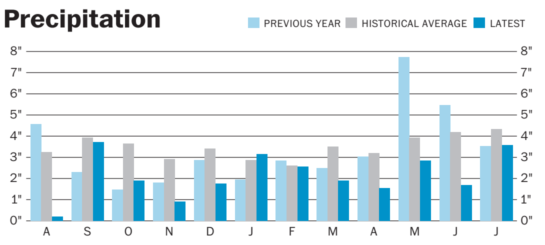


Statistics through 5 p.m. Sunday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**84°** 10:33 a.m.	**81°** 2:18 p.m.	**84°** 11:53 a.m.
Low	**76°** 12:53 p.m.	**75°** 6:27 a.m.	**75°** 1:48 p.m.
Historical Average	89°/72°	87°/67°	88°/67°
Record high	101° 2006	101° 2024	100° 2024
Record low	55° 1895	52° 1998	55° 1998

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–0.5°** yr. to date: **+0.3°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	1.24"	0.30"	0.54"
Total this month	1.24"	0.30"	0.54"
Historical Average (month)	0.23"	0.23"	0.29"
Total this year	18.53"	24.85"	21.31"
Historical Average (year)	24.89"	25.92"	25.98"

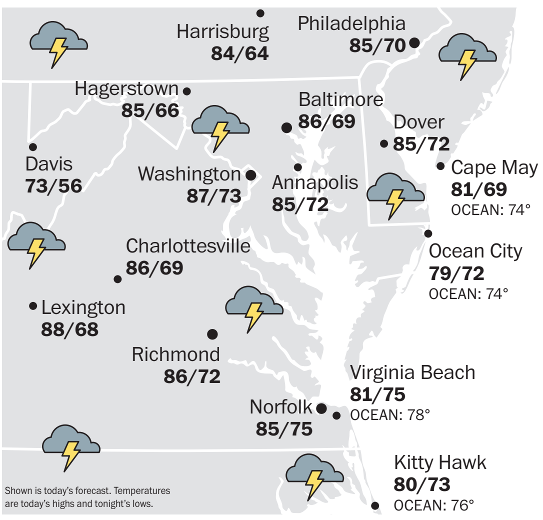
Moon Phases

Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 28
Last Quarter	New	First Quarter	Full

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:11 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Moon	10:40 p.m.	11:14 a.m.
Venus	10:01 a.m.	10:13 p.m.
Mars	2:31 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Jupiter	5:52 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Saturn	11:04 p.m.	11:32 a.m.

REGION TODAY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Hagerstown
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Baltimore
86/69
Dover
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Davis
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Washington
87/73
Annapolis
85/72
Cape May
81/69
OCEAN: 74°
Charlottesville
86/69
Ocean City
79/72
OCEAN: 74°
Lexington
88/68
Richmond
86/72
Virginia Beach
81/75
OCEAN: 78°
Norfolk
85/75
Kitty Hawk
80/73
OCEAN: 76°

Shown is today's forecast. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

🟠 **Pollen: Moderate**

Observed ratings on 7/31

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	Moderate

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

🟢 **Air Quality: Good**

Main pollutant: Particulates

🟢 **UV: Low**

2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, humid, widely separated thunderstorms. High 83. Winds west–northwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm around this evening. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, partly sunny, cooler, a thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 67. Winds west–northwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, cloudy, showers, a heavier thunderstorm, breezy, humid. High 79. Winds south 10–20 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots. Low 72. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, windy, humid, showers, a heavier thunderstorm. High 81. Winds south 10–20 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots. Low 75.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, cloudy, showers, a heavier thunderstorm. Wind southwest 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, cloudy, showers, a heavier thunderstorm. Wind south 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 4–7 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.80 feet today, falling to 2.70 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	6:32 a.m.	**11:48 a.m.**	6:39 p.m.	**none**
Annapolis	2:56 a.m.	**8:46 a.m.**	3:21 p.m.	**9:52 p.m.**
Ocean City	5:19 a.m.	**11:29 a.m.**	5:44 p.m.	**11:45 p.m.**
Norfolk	**12:57 a.m.**	7:02 a.m.	**1:25 p.m.**	7:41 p.m.
Point Lookout	**4:44 a.m.**	11:19 a.m.	**5:44 p.m.**	none

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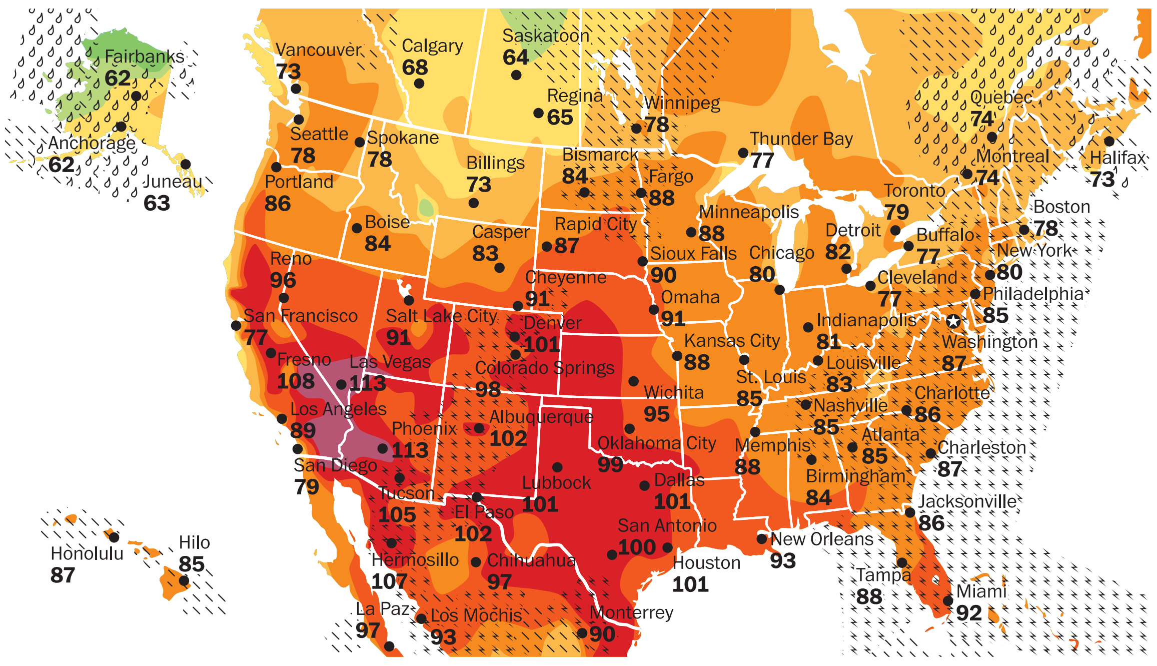
Weather map features for today.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Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **118°**
Low: Truckee, CA **36°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Omidiyeh, Iran **121°**
Low: Sutherland, South Africa **20°**
Excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	79/62/t	83/62/pc
Albuquerque	102/73/t	99/71/t
Anchorage	62/56/r	63/55/sh
Atlanta	85/71/t	84/72/t
Austin	101/76/s	102/77/s
Baltimore	86/69/t	85/73/t
Billings, MT	73/50/pc	78/52/pc
Birmingham	84/69/t	88/72/t
Bismarck, ND	84/49/t	81/45/pc
Boise	84/54/pc	90/58/pc
Boston	78/67/t	83/69/pc
Buffalo	77/58/pc	82/63/s
Burlington, VT	79/61/sh	85/63/s
Charleston, SC	87/75/t	88/77/t
Charleston, WV	80/65/t	84/66/t
Charlotte	86/72/t	84/72/t
Cheyenne, WY	91/52/pc	71/52/pc
Chicago	80/63/s	85/68/s
Cincinnati	81/63/pc	84/66/t
Cleveland	77/58/pc	81/65/s
Dallas	101/79/s	102/79/s
Denver	101/58/t	80/57/t
Des Moines	86/66/s	86/63/pc
Detroit	82/58/s	82/61/s
El Paso	102/77/t	103/77/t
Fairbanks, AK	62/53/r	72/54/c
Fargo, ND	88/55/t	77/50/pc
Hartford, CT	79/62/t	84/63/pc
Honolulu	87/75/sh	87/75/sh
Houston	101/78/s	99/78/s
Indianapolis	81/62/s	85/65/s
Jackson, MS	92/70/pc	95/72/sh
Jacksonville, FL	86/74/t	89/73/t
Kansas City, MO	88/67/s	90/69/s
Las Vegas	113/88/s	114/87/s
Little Rock	93/68/pc	96/70/s
Los Angeles	89/68/s	88/67/s
Louisville	83/65/pc	87/70/t
Memphis	88/71/pc	90/71/s
Miami	92/79/t	91/78/t
Milwaukee	77/62/s	83/68/s
Minneapolis	88/69/s	81/60/t
Nashville	85/68/t	89/70/t
New Orleans	93/78/pc	94/78/t
New York City	80/68/t	82/72/pc
Norfolk	85/75/t	85/74/t
Oklahoma City	99/70/s	102/74/s
Omaha	91/70/s	86/64/pc
Orlando	89/75/t	89/76/t
Philadelphia	85/70/t	85/73/pc
Phoenix	113/91/pc	111/91/pc
Pittsburgh	79/60/pc	83/69/pc
Portland, ME	75/61/t	85/60/s
Portland, OR	86/59/pc	96/62/pc
Providence, RI	77/66/t	85/68/pc
Raleigh, NC	86/73/t	84/73/t
Reno, NV	96/62/s	101/65/s
Richmond	86/72/t	83/73/t
Sacramento	105/62/s	100/59/s
St. Louis	85/68/pc	89/69/s
St. Thomas, VI	92/81/t	91/80/pc
Salt Lake City	91/66/pc	92/65/pc
San Diego	79/70/pc	77/69/pc
San Francisco	77/57/s	74/58/s
San Juan, PR	91/79/t	90/78/t
Seattle	78/59/pc	87/62/pc
Spokane, WA	78/53/pc	85/56/pc
Syracuse	76/60/c	85/64/s
Tampa	88/79/t	89/77/t
Wichita	95/73/s	99/76/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	72/55/r	71/55/r
Amsterdam	92/70/pc	87/70/s
Athens	94/75/s	95/77/s
Auckland	58/53/pc	59/39/s
Baghdad	119/96/s	118/95/s
Bangkok	94/80/r	93/81/r
Beijing	91/75/t	91/76/t
Berlin	85/66/s	90/70/sh
Bogota	67/50/r	66/50/pc
Brussels	95/71/pc	87/66/sh
Buenos Aires	61/54/c	59/56/pc
Cairo	100/75/pc	97/76/pc
Caracas	76/68/t	76/67/t
Copenhagen	73/58/pc	75/65/pc
Dakar	89/81/s	90/81/pc
Dublin	71/59/r	73/55/sh
Edinburgh	63/57/sh	65/59/sh
Frankfurt	97/69/s	96/68/pc
Geneva	94/67/t	91/64/t
Ham., Bermuda	87/79/s	87/80/s
Helsinki	70/50/pc	72/50/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	93/78/r	92/77/r
Hong Kong	84/80/sh	86/79/r
Islamabad	89/75/t	86/76/r
Istanbul	89/72/s	91/72/s
Jerusalem	91/71/s	89/71/s
Johannesburg	68/35/s	70/40/s
Kabul	94/70/pc	92/67/pc
Kingston, Jam.	90/81/r	89/81/pc
Kolkata	91/80/r	90/80/r
Kyiv	93/69/s	91/71/s
Lagos	84/74/sh	83/76/c
Lima	75/69/pc	76/67/pc
Lisbon	79/66/pc	82/68/pc
London	91/64/pc	83/63/sh
Madrid	92/69/pc	93/70/s
Manila	85/79/t	85/79/t
Mexico City	78/58/sh	79/57/r
Montreal	74/61/r	83/63/s
Moscow	77/59/pc	78/61/pc
Mumbai	86/80/r	87/81/r
Nairobi	71/56/c	72/55/c
New Delhi	89/80/r	87/79/t
Oslo	73/52/pc	72/55/pc
Ottawa	74/58/pc	83/59/s
Paris	94/70/pc	91/68/s
Prague	91/67/s	95/68/t
Rio de Janeiro	78/67/c	79/69/pc
Riyadh	114/91/pc	113/90/pc
Rome	92/71/pc	93/72/s
San Salvador	90/69/r	90/68/r
Santiago	67/48/c	62/47/c
Sarajevo	96/62/s	98/63/s
Seoul	97/81/t	99/82/t
Shanghai	101/81/s	97/83/pc
Singapore	92/81/r	92/80/t
Stockholm	68/50/pc	73/57/pc
Sydney	73/47/pc	67/44/s
Taipei City	99/78/t	98/77/pc
Tehran	96/76/s	97/79/pc
Tokyo	83/74/c	83/74/c
Toronto	79/57/pc	81/62/s
Vienna	101/69/s	103/72/pc
Warsaw	86/67/t	90/68/t

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Raining on our parade

Spectators at the DC Open tennis tournament show support for Alex Eala, a Filipina player who defeated Naomi Osaka of Japan in a rout to reach the final. Eala faced American Jessica Pegula, the No. 3 player in the world, at the William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center in Rock Creek Park on Sunday. Pegula was leading by a set when the match was suspended due to inclement weather.

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WELL+BEING

When forgetfulness becomes worrisome

Small memory lapses are normal, but here's when you should see a doctor

BY **JENNIFER FIELDS**

At 74, Roz Garfinkel can still recall the hearing test results of some of the 300 children she worked with during her career as a school audiologist. What she can't do as easily anymore is remember why she walked into a room. ¶ "It always throws me when I know I need something, but don't know what it is," she said. "Why the hell am I here?" ¶ Garfinkel first noticed these memory lapses when she retired around age 60, but said they've become more frequent over the last four years. Today, many of the things she once kept in her head live somewhere else: daily to-do lists, a calendar filled with medical and social appointments, and pill organizers lined up on the dining room table. ¶ "I tend to think of these as normal aging things," Garfinkel said. "But I guess I worry about it some." ¶ She's hardly alone. These small, everyday moments — misplacing your keys, losing your train of thought, forgetting a name or why you walked upstairs — are almost universal by midlife. They're also anxiety-provoking, especially with growing awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. ¶ The reassuring news is that many memory lapses have surprisingly ordinary explanations. Before assuming the worst, experts say it's worth considering several common — and often reversible — causes.

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WELL+BEING

This skill can help protect your brain against aging

Being multilingual may delay dementia diagnoses

BY **RICHARD SIMA**

Learning a new language is good for your brain.

Being able to speak and understand another tongue offers a form of mental stimulation, which keeps the brain active and sharp as we get older. In fact, researchers have found that being multilingual may delay dementia diagnoses and slow down how fast the brain ages.

Unlike, say, music that someone may practice a few hours a day, the mental stimulation from language is "intense and constant," said Ellen Bialystok, a distinguished research professor emeritus of psychology at York University in Canada, who has studied the effects of languages on the brain for more than five decades.

Knowing more than one language — and practicing it often — is akin to constantly strength-training your brain. Being multilingual changes how your brain functions and how it's structured.

"If you are constantly using your brain for difficult, engaging and stimulating challenges, your brain will be healthier," Bialystok said.

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BILL OF THE MONTH

How one man saved thousands on surgery

BY **PAULA ANDALO**
KFF Health News

Around the end of last year, Ronmel Rangel, 63, began to feel a familiar discomfort in his lower abdomen. Twenty-five years earlier, while living in his native Venezuela, he had undergone surgery to repair a hernia on the right side of his groin.

Now, the same pain had returned — on the left.

This time, Rangel was in the United States and lacked health insurance. In 2019, he moved to Portland, Maine, where one of his daughters lives.

As a green-card holder, he qualified to purchase health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace. But he quickly realized that the premiums for someone his age were beyond his budget. He decided to go without insurance, even though it had been a priority for him.

Instead, Rangel signed up for a plan at a concierge practice where patients pay as little as $70 per month for services including unlimited office visits and minor procedures such as stitches and biopsies.

But when Rangel was diagnosed with a hernia, surgery became unavoidable. Ben Hagopian, his primary care physician, helped him compile a

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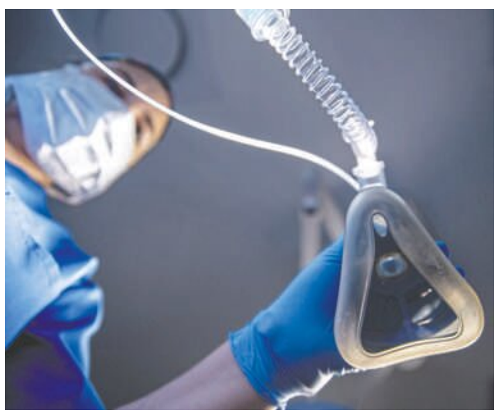

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Having surgery? These 4 factors can influence your anesthesia and pain control.

BY LINDSEY BEVER

No one enjoys having surgery. But if you have to go under the knife, a chat with your anesthesiologist can help put your mind at ease and ensure you get the best medical care.

It's also a chance to ask about the medications your doctors plan to use — and the factors that can affect how much (or how little) anesthesia you'll need. Your age, genetics and even your hair color can play an important role in how your body responds to anesthesia during surgery and pain medications after.

That's why it's important to be completely honest about your medical history before any surgical procedure, said Daniel I. Sessler, a professor of anesthesiology and vice president for clinical and outcomes research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

If you smoke marijuana every day, for instance, "We don't care. We're not going to make a moral judgment about that. But we need to know to optimize your anesthesia," he said.

We asked experts to explain some of the most common reasons people need more — or less — anesthesia and pain control. Here's what they said.

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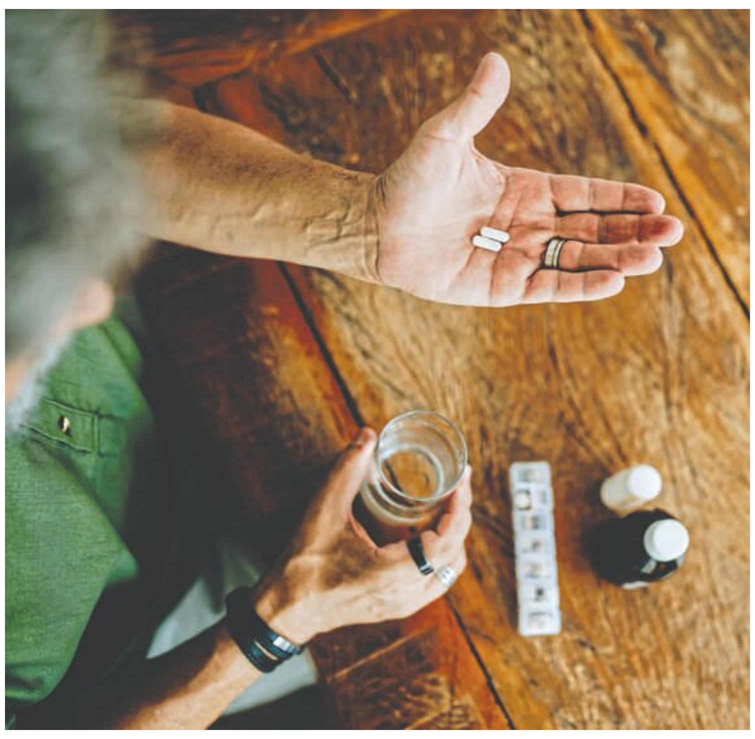

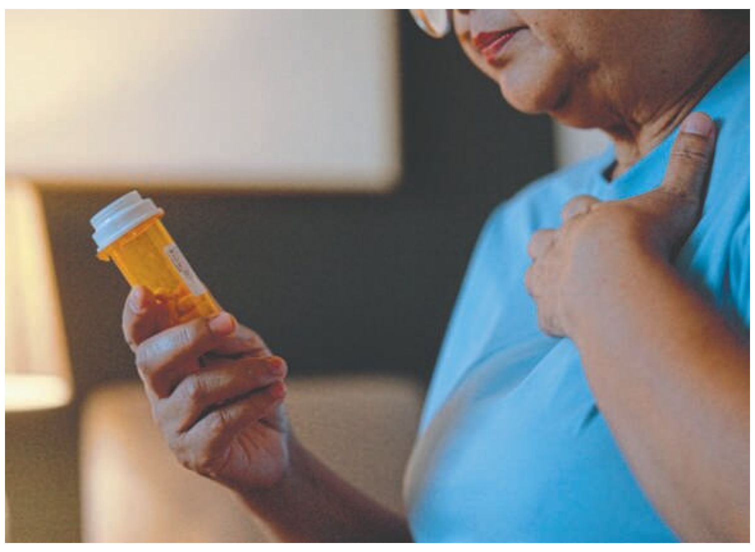

Several surprising factors can affect how surgery patients respond to anesthesia and pain control. That's why it's important to be honest about your medical history. If you smoke marijuana daily, for instance, "We don't care. We're not going to make a moral judgment about that. But we need to know to optimize your anesthesia," said Daniel I. Sessler, a professor of anesthesiology.

Your hair color

Some procedures require only sedation. But when you need to be completely out, you're given general anesthesia. This requires a carefully curated cocktail of medications that may include inhaled anesthetic gases or intravenous drugs to maintain unconsciousness, said Miles Berger, a neuroanesthesiologist and professor of anesthesiology, perioperative and pain medicine at Stanford University. It also includes medications to relieve pain and relax or immobilize muscles to prevent movement on the operating table.

If you have naturally red hair, you may be more sensitive to certain types of pain. And in some cases, you may also need more anesthetics than non-redheads, research suggests.

"We don't exactly know the reason, but it is true," said Sessler, who for decades has been studying the increased anesthetic requirements in people with naturally red hair.

One theory is that variants in the melanocortin-1 receptor (MC1R) gene in people with red hair alter signaling pathways that may influence how the body responds to anesthetic drugs.

In one study, Sessler and his colleagues found that healthy, redheaded women needed nearly 20 percent more of a common inhaled anesthetic to induce and maintain unconsciousness than women with dark hair.

Their research also suggested that people with red hair may be more resistant to certain local anesthetics. In a separate study, Sessler and others measured pain sensitivity in 30 red-haired women and 30 dark-haired women and found that those with red hair were more sensitive to pain from cold and heat. Also, lidocaine injections used to numb the skin were notably less effective for the women with red hair than for those with dark hair.

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Your alcohol, cannabis and opioid use

Chronic alcohol and cannabis use can increase the amount of anesthetics needed during and after surgery, Sessler said. The same is true for regular use of prescription opioids and other medications for severe chronic pain.

One reason this happens — with opioids, in particular — is because opioids bind to brain receptors that can become less responsive over time, meaning you need more medication to achieve the same effect. In such cases, "they're going to need much higher doses" in the hospital, Sessler said.

Also, liver enzymes break down these substances so they can be more easily excreted. When you use them regularly, your body can become more efficient at breaking them down.

That can make some medications "much less effective at a given dose," Sessler said, because your body breaks them down more quickly.

Research has also shown a link between cannabis use and how much anesthesia and pain medication you'll need after the surgery. A 2024 study that looked at more than 1,600 cannabis users who were undergoing surgeries found that cannabis use was associated with higher pain scores and increased opioid use after surgery than those who didn't use cannabis.

Your age

Younger, healthier adults may need more anesthesia than older people. As you age, you need less of the inhaled gases — roughly 6 percent less per decade after age 40, said Berger, who studies age-related changes in anesthetic requirements in older patients.

Research is still emerging, and the reason is not entirely understood. But Berger said that he and other researchers think that when older people require unusually low amounts of anesthesia, it may point to underlying brain or cognitive problems.

Your overall health

Research suggests people who are frail, have serious acute illnesses or infections such as sepsis, or have cirrhosis, may require less anesthesia. And those with obstructive sleep apnea, a condition in which a person's airway collapses during sleep, may be at higher risk of breathing problems from opioid pain medications after surgery.

To reduce the need for opioids, anesthesiologists may suggest other approaches such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or, when appropriate, regional analgesic techniques such as epidurals or nerve blocks to numb parts of the body.

Knowing whether you have any factors that may affect your anesthesia needs helps your doctor guide management and gives you an effective and safe anesthetic, Sessler said.

But there's no need to worry: Failing to tell your anesthesiologist about your real hair color, cannabis use or chronic disease probably isn't going to lead to disaster in the operating room.

That's because anesthesia isn't applied using standardized doses. An anesthesiologist starts with an initial dose and tweaks it as needed based on your response, vital signs and, sometimes, brain monitoring, then continually adjusts it throughout the procedure, Sessler said.

"But everything an anesthesiologist knows about a patient combined with everything we monitor during anesthesia allows us to provide an optimal experience," he said.

Why you might need reverse Kegels, according to pelvic floor therapists

BY KIERA CARTER

You probably heard you should be doing Kegels, those subtle muscle contractions that strengthen your pelvic floor and help prevent incontinence and pelvic pain. But as with any exercise, there are variations — for example, changing the speed and control of the movement — that have different effects.

"When people think of the pelvic floor, they think of the squeezing motion of a Kegel, but there's another side of the spectrum that gets lost," said Monica V. LoConti, a certified pelvic rehabilitation practitioner and senior therapist at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital. When people are learning how to do Kegels, they are often told to tighten the muscles they use to hold in urine or stop passing gas. The opposite of that — and often equally or even more important — is what's referred to as a "reverse Kegel."

A healthy pelvic floor is all about balance. The pelvic floor muscles — which support organs in the pelvis such as the bladder, bowel, uterus and prostate — need to be strong to keep pee and poop in your body, but they also need to relax to let pee and poop out. "That's how you're going to get the best function of your body," LoConti said. You start having problems when the muscles are too weak *or* too tight.

Below, LoConti explains when reverse Kegels might be a better choice, and how to do them correctly.

What are reverse Kegels, and who needs them?

"Reverse Kegels" isn't a clinical term, but it's an easy way to describe pelvic floor relaxation. If a traditional Kegel involves squeezing and lifting your pelvic floor muscles, then a reverse Kegel is, well, the reverse. You might also see them referred to as "pelvic floor drops," or as a way to "down train" the muscles.

"A simple way to think of it is allowing gas or urine to be released," LoConti said. "If you were holding it in and you finally were in an appropriate position to let it go, it's just letting it go." You could also imagine lowering a weight during a biceps curl in a slow, relaxed and controlled motion, not dropping it super fast. It's the same concept, just using a different set of muscles.

You should do reverse Kegels if your pelvic floor is tight, also known as a hypertonic pelvic floor. "A lot of people think, *if I have a pelvic floor problem, I need to squeeze everything*," LoConti said. But that's only helpful if your pelvic floor is weak.

"If you have a tightness issue, strengthening exercises make it worse," LoConti said. "If it's just *tight, tight, tight*, it can never get to the point where it can relax enough to close and open appropriately, so sometimes I have to cut people off Kegels."

Switching to reverse Kegels instead might be the answer for some.

Research is limited, but small studies show that relaxation techniques can help with an overly tight pelvic floor. A Scientific Reports study found that a program that included down-training, as defined by an extended relaxation period post-Kegel, improved symptoms of pelvic floor tightness after three months of work. And one patient with tightness-induced pelvic pain saw an improvement after down-training for eight sessions, according to the journal Advances in Urology.

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There are multiple ways to do Kegels, and focusing your efforts on the wrong one can backfire.

How to know if your pelvic floor is tight

Here are some signs that your pelvic floor muscles are tight and could benefit from relaxation.

- Leaking urine when coughing, sneezing or laughing
- Pain while peeing
- Pain during sex
- Pelvic, hip or low back pain that doesn't clear with usual treatment
- Constipation
- Peeing frequently (more than every three hours)

Some of these symptoms overlap with the symptoms of pelvic floor weakness (leaking, pelvic or low back pain), which can be confusing. Tightness is more likely to be the issue if you're experiencing pain while peeing, pain during sex, constipation and/or frequent urination. Pay extra attention if you're experiencing the above symptoms together, as clustered symptoms strongly signal tightness.

If you're unsure, the best way to know whether you need regular Kegels or reverse Kegels is to meet with a pelvic floor physical therapist who can do an in-office assessment and check for signs of tightness or weakness. Even just one or two sessions can give you the information you need to ensure you're taking the right approach with your pelvic floor exercises.

You can search on the American Physical Therapy Association website to find a provider near you.

How to do reverse Kegels correctly

Step 1: Find a relaxed position. You can sit on a folded towel or lie on your back or side.

Step 2: Squeeze up lightly, as if you're holding pee. Don't squeeze super tight at the top or hold it for long. This is just to help you release the muscles in the next step.

Step 3: Let go. Relax the muscles as if you're peeing, but don't push down forcefully. "Think of it more like relaxation and opening of the muscles versus bearing down," LoConti said.

Step 4: Repeat. Aim for 10 slow reps a day.

You can do reverse Kegels at any time, but LoConti suggests adding this practice to your wind-down routine before bed. If counting reps isn't the relaxing vibe you need before going to sleep, just aim for one or two minutes.

If you have a tight pelvic floor, LoConti also suggests yoga and meditation, which can reduce tension all around. Calming poses such as happy baby, child's pose and downward dog can relax the pelvic floor muscles, among others, she said, while reducing mental stress as well. This can be a great complement to your reverse Kegels. "If you have pain, then you can't overdo relaxation," LoConti said.

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Why I wear sunscreen indoors, plus tips for buying one that's right for you

Ask A Doctor

TRISHA PASRICHA

Q: Is it true we're supposed to wear sunscreen indoors even if we're not going to be out in the sun?

A: Yes, you should.

I know that feels counterintuitive, but let's start by pondering this question: Why do people in the United States tend to get more skin cancers on their left side, while people in Australia appear to get more sun damage on the right?

The answer is UVA exposure while driving.

As a brief reminder, visible light is the only light the human eye can see, as opposed to the shorter ultraviolet (UV) waves, which we can't see. Standard window glass blocks most UVB — the rays that cause sunburn — but does little to stop visible light or UVA, which are known to accelerate skin aging.

The clearest evidence for this comes from a 2011 study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, in which researchers analyzed more than 82,000 melanoma cases and roughly 2,400 Merkel cell carcinoma cases in the United States. Both cancers were slightly more common on the left side. In Australia, where drivers sit on the right side, older studies have found sun-damaged precancerous patches more commonly on the right.

Experimental data on the glass used in luxury cars in 2003 found that a left-sided driver next to a closed car window receives five to six times more UV radiation on their left arm than the right.

"Unless you're in a box — in a box with no windows — you should still be wearing sunscreen on a daily basis," said Temitayo Ogunleye, a professor of clinical dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

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People in the United States tend to get more skin cancers on their left side because of UVA exposure while driving.

"You're still getting a decent amount of cumulative UVA exposure."

So, yes, I do wear sunscreen every day despite working indoors. I commute at least 45 minutes to my office each way. I also face a nice large window behind my computer screen when I'm there. So even though I don't actually step foot outside most of the day (tragically), my skin is getting UVA rays for much of my indoor time.

How light exposure affects your skin

UVA rays can reach beneath our skin's surface, which is why they play a big role in premature skin aging and wrinkle formation in addition to cancer.

It turns out visible light may also impact our skin.

"Visible light matters even more for people with melasma, hyperpigmentation or darker skin tones," said Charlene Lam, an associate professor of dermatology at Penn State Health. "It triggers pigment-producing cells more aggressively in darker skin types and can worsen dark spots."

An oft-cited 2010 study confirmed these effects: Researchers exposed people with various skin tones to both visible light and UVA. The scientists found that among people with darker skin tones, visible light actually produced darker and more persistent pigmentation than UVA did. Among volunteers with lighter skin, the same visible light exposure produced no observable pigmentation at all.

4 tips for picking an effective sunscreen

Look for iron oxide, especially if you're concerned about hyperpigmentation or dark spots. When you're shopping for sunscreen, you'll come across two main types: chemical, such as those containing ingredients like oxybenzone or avobenzone, or mineral, such as those containing ingredients like zinc oxide or titanium dioxide.

Ordinary chemical sunscreen is largely ineffective against visible light. That's why Lam recommends a mineral sunscreen with iron oxide — the ingredient that a 2015 randomized trial found helps block visible light and reduces recurrence of dark spots. (The study was supported by Laboratoire Bioderma, a skin care company.)

Iron oxide is often used as a tint for mineral sunscreens. As someone with a darker skin tone myself, I'm only too familiar with the whitish-gray cast that many mineral sunscreens leave on my skin. So, at least for me, the addition of iron oxide as a tint is a win-win: It can help these sunscreens appear less obvious while also bolstering visible light protection.

SPF 30 is better than you may think. It feels like there should be a major upgrade when you buy something labeled SPF 50 or even 100. But actually, the difference isn't particularly striking.

"SPF 30 blocks about 97 percent of UVB. SPF 50 blocks about 98 percent," Lam said. "That 1 percent jump is why I tell patients not to obsess over 30 versus 50."

If that's news to you — you're not alone. I didn't learn this until medical school.

Choose a broad-spectrum option. "SPF is the relative number of Joules of UV light needed to cause mild sunburn in sun protected skin versus sun unprotected skin," said Jenna Lester, associate professor of dermatology and director of the Skin of Color Program at the University of California at San Francisco.

This means that SPF just tells you about UVB, which causes sunburn — and it tells you nothing about UVA.

So presuming you also want UVA protection (as I do), you need to pick a sunscreen that specifically says "broad spectrum." This means the sunscreen protects against both UVB and UVA.

Go for the bigger bottle. SPF numbers are calculated assuming a specific, generous amount of product — about 2 grams per square centimeter of skin in lab testing. "If you're not using the equivalent amount, you're not getting the SPF sun protection that's on the label," Lester said.

For your face, that roughly equates to a thick line of sunscreen along your pointer and middle finger. For your body, that means about the amount in a shot glass.

This is why the experts I spoke with agree that the most important sunscreen is whichever one you'll actually wear routinely — and not be precious with.

As a surgeon who helps reconstruct skin affected by cancer, Lam finds the tougher spots to operate on are a few key forgotten areas: "Lips, the tops of ears and the scalp — especially if you're thinning up top," she said.

What I want my patients to know

For now, the main light to focus on in terms of skin damage is really from the sun — not, for example, the blue light emitted from our computers and smartphones. Skin damage from these devices is "theoretically possible but still understudied," Lester said.

Overall, my recommendation is to wear sunscreen every day, even if you're going to be indoors. But you especially should remember to wear it if you're going outside. "The amount of exposure that you're getting outdoors is still orders of magnitude higher than what you're getting indoors," Lester said.

What normal forgetfulness looks like

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Normal age-related memory changes

Some slower thinking and trouble with recall is simply part of getting older.

"I tend to tell my patients in their 60s and 70s that, unfortunately, your brain is not functioning at the same level as it used to," said Nathaniel Chin, geriatrician and medical director of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. "If those symptoms are subtle and occasional and you're still functioning well overall, there's a good chance that what you're noticing isn't something pathologic," he said.

If you're still managing your finances, keeping appointments and navigating familiar places, occasional forgetfulness that's only a little bothersome is much less concerning than memory problems that interfere with everyday life, said Chin.

Are you forgetful, or just distracted?

Often what we call forgetfulness isn't a memory issue at all: It's an attention problem.

Modern life constantly divides our focus between work, family, caregiving responsibilities and an endless mental to-do list. Add to that nonstop interruptions from device notifications and alerts. This can make it difficult for our brains to process and retain information effectively.

That's because memories have to be encoded before they can be retrieved, explained Nina Vasan, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Stanford University and the founder and director of Brainstorm: The Stanford Lab for Mental Health Innovation.

When you're distracted, "the memory never gets written down," she said. "Then you go hunting for something that was never saved properly and you decide your memory is the problem."

The connection between poor sleep and memory

Another important thing to consider is how well you're sleeping. During sleep, the brain consolidates short-term memories into long-term ones. Research suggests even one night of fewer than six hours of sleep can impair memory formation.

People in their 60s and 70s tend to have more disrupted sleep and get up more often during the night, said Brian J. Balin, professor of neuroscience and neuropathology and director of the Center for Chronic Disorders of Aging at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. But there are plenty of reasons middle-aged adults, especially those with children and busy, stressful jobs both inside and outside the home, may not be sleeping well either, he said.

Studies suggest that chronic sleep deprivation and sleep disorders such as insomnia and untreated sleep apnea can all interfere with the memory-cementing process, making it harder to learn, concentrate, pay attention and remember information.

Health issues can affect memory, too

Hormonal changes during perimenopause and menopause are one important example. The hippocampus and prefrontal cortex — brain regions involved in memory and executive function — contain large numbers of estrogen receptors. As estrogen levels decline, women often notice slower thinking and more frequent word-finding problems, said Vasan.

Menopause can also affect mood, which influences how efficiently the brain processes and retrieves information, said Ted Huey, associate director of Brown's Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research and director of the Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital.

Other conditions that could interfere with memory include ADHD, depression, untreated hearing loss, thyroid disorders and vitamin B12 deficiency. Drug side effects can also play a role.

When to see a doctor about forgetfulness

How do you know when forgetfulness has crossed the line into something more serious? Chin said he looks for three things:

- Is the symptom happening constantly — not just once in a while, but multiple times a day?
- Does it persist despite the work-arounds you've put in place? If you've started placing your keys in the same bowl by the door, for example, and you're still regularly losing them, that's a concern.
- Is it causing significant distress or interfering with daily life?

Experts are also interested in *what* you're forgetting. There's a difference between losing your train of thought mid-conversation and forgetting the entire conversation happened, which is more serious.

Even if you're feeling reassured that some forgetfulness isn't a red flag, Huey still encourages people to mention any concerns to their health care provider — especially when it happens alongside sudden or extreme changes in your vision, sleep or executive function, or a new psychiatric illness such as a depression diagnosis for the first time. "Neurodegenerative diseases can present with symptoms other than memory, too," Huey said.

A doctor can run some tests to separate out normal aging issues from dementia, and a third category called mild cognitive impairment, or MCI, which sits between the two and describes when a person has cognitive issues but can still function day-to-day. MCI is affected by lots of things from your thyroid to sleep apnea, said Chin. Some people with MCI may go on to develop dementia, but some may not. "So it's a very good stage to identify and treat people," said Chin. "It's a huge opportunity for lifestyle interventions."

Research suggests that even modest lifestyle interventions — such as regular exercise, a MIND-style diet, health monitoring, cognitive challenges and social engagement — can improve brain health.

Getting help with any sleep concerns and treatment for mental health issues can also go a long way. "Untreated depression can look a lot like dementia," Vasan said. "And if you need hearing aids, please get them." One study showed the devices cut the risk of cognitive decline in high risk older adults by almost 50 percent.

Chin also suggested taking steps to reduce stress along with doing mentally stimulating activities to help "firm the networks of your brain." You don't have to learn a new language or instrument, he said. "You could do puzzles, word games or play cards with friends."

There are some new Alzheimer's drugs that show promise, but you're only eligible for them in the earliest stages of the disease, said Huey. Too often, he said, he sees patients when they're missing appointments and getting lost. By then, it's too late for those medications.

Garfinkel has already incorporated many of the above habits into her life. She exercises five days a week, has a mostly healthy diet and knits every day, deliberately choosing patterns that teach her new techniques. Every evening she winds down with a word game.

Each year, her doctor gives her a five-word recall test. This is the first year she's gotten one wrong. Her doctor isn't concerned and ultimately neither is Garfinkel — for now. She's doing what she can to keep her brain healthy, and accepting that occasionally walking into a room and forgetting why may just be a part of getting older.

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Colorectal cancer is on the rise, and often overlooked, in this surprising group

BY ERICA SLOAN

NO MORE CHEMO

COURTESY OF SAGE COLLINS

Sage Collins, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 rectal cancer in March 2024, holds a "No More Chemo" sign. She started experiencing symptoms around the time she became pregnant in mid-2022.

COURTESY OF MARISA PETERS

Marisa Peters, seated next to her best friend, rings the bell in April 2022 to mark her last infusion day.

In July 2022, Sage Collins, now 35, had bowel issues at a friend's wedding, ducking into the bathroom all night long. When she found out she was pregnant the next month, she attributed her GI troubles to fluctuating hormones. By the fall, blood was streaking her stool, so she made a doctor's appointment. Her bloodwork came back normal, with the exception of anemia — common in pregnancy.

As Collins's pregnancy progressed, so did her rectal bleeding, at one point sending her to the hospital, where she was given iron infusions. During labor, the blood loss from her rectum was enough to set off alarm bells. A nurse told Collins a gastroenterologist would visit her before she left the hospital, but no one stopped by. The bleeding persisted postpartum, and weight fell off her.

"It got so bad that I remember lying in [my son] Asher's playroom with him when he was 6 or 7 months old, and I was so uncomfortable because I had to keep running to the bathroom," she said. "I was like, 'This is no way for me to parent or go through life.'"

Collins made an appointment with her primary care physician who ordered the colonoscopy that would lead to a diagnosis of Stage 4 rectal cancer, in March 2024, nearly two years after she first experienced symptoms. The mass was the size of a golf ball, and the cancer had spread to her liver.

Data from Australia suggests cases of pregnancy-associated colorectal cancer (which arise during pregnancy or in the first year postpartum) have increased by about 6 percent each year from 1994 to 2013. There's no evidence that pregnancy itself increases susceptibility, said Marwan Fakih, division chief of GI medical oncology at cancer center City of Hope. And that's still a very small number of cases total — it affects about 1 in 13,000 pregnancies, Fakih said.

But the increasing overlap of pregnancy and colorectal cancer poses unique risks because of how it can delay diagnosis and complicate care.

Experts say the rise in cases of pregnancy-associated CRC largely reflects a broader trend: an uptick in younger people. A 2026 report from the American Cancer Society shows that while rates of colorectal cancer have dropped in people over age 65 in the past decade, incidence in young people has steadily climbed, rising by 3 percent annually for those ages 20 to 49. In the 20-to-39 group, rates have doubled in the past 35 years.

Meanwhile, the average age of first pregnancy has also gone up during this time, with women over 30 accounting for over half of births in 2023, compared to just 30 percent in 1990. As pregnancy shifts later and CRC moves earlier, "there's been a crossover between the two," said Nancy You, director of the young-onset colorectal cancer program at the University of Texas MD Anderson center.

How pregnancy-associated colorectal cancer can evade diagnosis

Of all people diagnosed with CRC under 50 — including those who are pregnant or postpartum — 75 percent will get diagnosed at either Stage 3 (when cancer has spread to the lymph nodes) or Stage 4 (when it's metastasized to a nearby organ), which are harder cancers to cure. Data on the stage of diagnosis for pregnancy-associated CRC, in particular, is limited but suggests a similar proportion of late-stage diagnoses, with nearly half at Stage 4.

CRC symptoms can be easy to miss in pregnancy because many mirror those of pregnancy itself or issues that frequently appear during it.

For starters, bowel changes happen in pregnancy for a variety of reasons, including stress, shifts in eating habits and the fact that the growing fetus can get in the way of the bowels moving, You said.

Resulting constipation and straining to pass stool, along with the weight of the fetus on the pelvic floor, ups the risk of hemorrhoids, said Kimmie Ng, founding director of the Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Anemia is also common during pregnancy because of the elevated demand for red blood cells to supply the placenta. And abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting and fatigue are all CRC symptoms that are easily attributable to pregnancy too, Ng said.

Even postpartum, symptoms may be ascribed to the fallout of pregnancy and childbirth.

Marisa Peters was 33 with an 18-month-old son when she started to have intermittent bowel changes, low energy and ribbons of blood in her stool. When she told her doctor, he essentially said, "Your body is not going to be the same after you've had a baby, and you probably have hemorrhoids," Peters said. It was the same refrain for nearly six years, including two more pregnancies, until the symptoms began to affect her daily life.

"I was grabbing my youngest's diapers in the car and shoving them down my pants for fear that I wouldn't make it to a bathroom," Peters said. Suspecting a gut health issue, her doctor referred her to a gastroenterologist, who would ultimately diagnose her with Stage 3 rectal cancer.

The challenges of treating colorectal cancer during and after pregnancy

Treating CRC during pregnancy involves balancing what's best for the mother and fetus, which requires multiple providers including the OB/GYN, gastroenterologist, surgeon and medical oncologist, You said.

The best route depends on the stage of the cancer and the pregnancy trimester. Early-stage colorectal cancers can often be fully cured with surgery, Fakih said. It's also the only viable intervention in the first trimester (when other treatments threaten the formation of the fetus), though risk is considered lowest in the second trimester, when the fetus is mostly developed. Operating late in pregnancy could up the chance of preterm labor.

For more advanced disease, treatment decisions get trickier and differ between colon and rectal cancer. Treating late-stage colon cancer generally requires chemotherapy; surgery is often not possible or successful with disease that's spread to other organs, Fakih said.

For rectal cancers beyond Stage 1 — which account for most pregnancy-associated CRC cases and have a high risk of local recurrence — the typical recom-

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These subtle changes in hearing might warrant a trip to the emergency room

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Sudden hearing loss is often harmless and temporary, but in some cases, it's a medical emergency.

One morning, you wake up and your ear feels plugged. Or maybe you hear a loud "pop." You might answer the phone and realize the caller sounds farther away than usual. You could notice a new ringing in one ear or begin to feel dizzy.

Any of these experiences may seem harmless or temporary. And oftentimes, they are. Common causes of muffled hearing include a buildup of earwax, ear or sinus infection, congestion from a cold or allergies, pressure changes and age- or noise-related hearing loss.

But these symptoms could also signal a medical emergency that many people don't recognize — known as sudden sensorineural hearing loss.

I experienced this myself at 32. One evening, a sudden ringing started blaring in the right side of my head. When I held my phone up to my right ear, the person on the other end sounded like they were underwater. Still, I didn't realize I had actually lost hearing. I sought medical attention for the ringing within 48 hours, but the doctor prescribed a nasal spray, which didn't help.

Here's what I wish I'd known beforehand, so that I could have advocated for myself and received emergency treatment sooner.

When a plugged ear is something worse

Sudden sensorineural hearing loss is a rapid decline in hearing, happening all at once or developing over the course of a few days. It's a potentially reversible condition that is distinct from hearing loss caused by aging, noise exposure or earwax — but it requires prompt treatment for the greatest likelihood of recovery.

"It's an emergency," said Nicholas Deep, a Mayo Clinic neurotologist. Not unlike treating a heart attack or stroke, he said, but "in this case, the organ is the cochlea, not the heart or the brain." The cochlea is a tiny structure in the inner ear containing sensory hair cells essential for hearing.

Treatment within seven days of symptom onset gives you the best chance of recovery. The sooner you treat it, though, the better the outcome will be, Deep said.

The most common treatment is a short course of high-dose oral prednisone, a powerful steroid that works by reducing inflammation, to give the inner ear the best opportunity to recover, Deep explained. Steroid injections through the eardrum and hyperbaric oxygen therapy may also be recommended if the initial dose of oral steroids doesn't completely restore hearing.

The signs are often easy to miss. "Hearing loss is a lack of stimulus," Deep explained. "You don't know what you don't hear."

Many people might also dismiss the symptoms, chalk them up to something minor — like a cold or allergies — and assume they need to just wait for things to get better, Deep said.

Navigating the medical system can also be intimidating, leading people to put off seeing a doctor, said Meaghan Reed, an audiologist at Mass Eye and Ear.

Subtle signs of sudden hearing loss to look out for

Sudden sensorineural hearing loss isn't always an obvious loss of hearing. It might feel like ear fullness or pressure, or like your ear needs to pop after a flight or a drive through the mountains.

It also might appear as a subtle change in sound quality or as a distortion in certain frequencies rather than a volume decrease. Voices may be loud enough to hear but difficult to understand. Everyday sounds may seem muffled or like you're underwater. It can also become harder to distinguish where sounds are coming from because your brain relies on both ears to pinpoint direction.

Since sudden sensorineural hearing loss often affects only one ear, and the unaffected ear can compensate a bit, some people don't notice a change until they plug their better-hearing ear, said Deep.

Reed experienced sudden sensorineural hearing loss and recovered with prednisone. In describing her symptoms, she said that "sounds became very robotic and unnatural" in her impacted ear. "If I was not an audiologist, I don't know that I would have gone in to see a physician about it, because mine was actually a relatively mild low frequency loss, and I might have just thought my ear was clogged or plugged and I just couldn't get it to pop open."

About 80 to 90 percent of people with sudden hearing loss also experience tinnitus, which may sound like ringing, buzzing, humming or another phantom noise in the ear and can be extremely distressing. Tinnitus is widely accepted as the brain's response to hearing loss, Deep said. "It's the brain trying to reconcile why there's not something there and trying to put something in that place." New tinnitus could indicate a hearing change, especially when it's in only one ear.

Reed said the tinnitus is actually what leads many people to seek care, not the hearing loss itself. "Sometimes we do a hearing test and people think they're not doing well on the hearing test because of the ringing."

Another sign of sudden sensorineural hearing loss is dizziness or vertigo, which can range from mild unsteadiness to a spinning sensation severe enough to induce vomiting. This could indicate inflammation affecting the inner ear's hearing and balance systems, said Deep.

What to do if you experience these symptoms

"You know your body best," said Lisa Houston Wenstrup, an audiologist at the University of Cincinnati. If something suddenly seems off with your hearing, don't assume it will go away on its own — get it checked.

An ear, nose and throat doctor (ENT) or audiologist can perform a diagnostic hearing evaluation, but if you can't get an urgent appointment, Deep said you may need to go to the ER, explain the sudden hearing loss and ask to be evaluated. "You want to really emphasize the *sudden* portion," he said. "Most ENTs in the country and audiologists always have spots for sudden-hearing-loss patients because we all recognize it as an emergency."

Primary care doctors can perform a tuning fork test to help distinguish sensorineural hearing loss from conductive hearing loss, which is treated differently. However, "sudden sensorineural hearing loss is invisible," Reed said, so it's possible a clinician may look in the ear and see slight redness, mistake the problem for an ear infection and prescribe antibiotics, which will not help.

If you're unsure what you're experiencing, there's a quick at-home hum test you can try, Deep and Reed said. If you hum and hear it louder in the ear that isn't experiencing symptoms, this might suggest a sensorineural hearing loss. However, this is just a clue — not a diagnosis.

Free online hearing tests, found through a quick Google search, may give you more motivation and evidence to seek treatment right away, Reed said, but a detailed hearing assessment is needed to identify the type and extent of hearing loss.

Even with rapid treatment, some people may have lasting hearing loss, while others recover spontaneously without treatment.

In about 90 percent of cases, doctors cannot identify a specific cause for sudden sensorineural hearing loss. Researchers have proposed several theories, including disrupted blood flow to the cochlea, viral injury, inflammation or an abnormal immune response. "It can happen to anybody," said Deep. "There's nothing you could have done to prevent this," Wenstrup said.

For those who don't recover their hearing, it's normal to feel fear, grief and anger. "You're losing half of a sense. It's scary," Wenstrup said.

If you miss the treatment window, "don't beat yourself up," she added. "We're all navigating this difficult health care system the best that we can."

Two years after the onset of my symptoms, my hearing has not recovered, and my tinnitus remains constant. I don't know if earlier treatment would have helped restore my hearing. Still, I wish I'd had the knowledge and information that I do now and hope others seek prompt treatment for the best chance of avoiding the difficulties of permanent hearing loss.

Here's what an expert on accidental falls does every day to prevent them

Your Move

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A single fall can define how we'll age, representing a key "inflection point in later life," according to a study of 2,454 men and women ages 65 or older, published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Directors Association.

About 20 percent of the people in the study experienced a first fall within two years of joining the study. For many, that fall's effects lingered for months or years, nearly tripling their chances of needing ongoing care, either at home or in a facility, and making future falls more likely to cause fractures and lead to emergency room visits.

That inaugural fall often initiated a persistent downward "domino effect" on older people's health and quality of life, the study concluded.

Which is why Nathalie van der Velde, one of the study's authors, is so intent on lessening the impacts — literal and figurative — of falls among older people. A professor of geriatric medicine and falls prevention at the Amsterdam University Medical Center in the Netherlands, she studies and works with older people at risk of falling, co-chairs an international group of scientists writing the World Guidelines for Falls Prevention and Management and is a founding member of the World Falls Prevention Society.

To learn more about falls and how to avoid them, I caught up with van der Velde to talk about how older people can make their homes safer, when to do a medication audit, at what age fall risks rise — spoiler: decades before 65 — and why, having turned 51 this year, she stands on one foot while brushing her teeth and avoids bifocals outside.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

COURTESY OF NATHALIE VAN DER VELDE

Nathalie van der Velde, a leading expert in aging at the Amsterdam University Medical Center, says staying active is key for preventing falls as you age. Here, she helps a patient at the center's falls clinic.

Can I start by asking about your parents? Are they living? Do you advise them about fall prevention?

They are and I do. Some years ago, my mother had problems with dizziness and even losing consciousness and falling. Her cardiologist was giving her medication and was really, really happy with her low blood pressure. But what happened was that sometimes, especially at night, it was so low when she got up that she would fall or faint. This was hard for me, because, even for someone in the health care field, you don't want to overrule somebody else. It took some time and discussion with the cardiologist to find the right doses and types of medications for my mom, but in the end, we did. And that really changed everything. She could again do what she'd always done: go on long walks and do the other things she loved.

Are there lessons in that experience for the rest of us?

For sure. One is that, at least once a year for an older person, there should be a medication assessment review. Maybe the physician can look at alternatives or different dosages. Another is to be honest. My mother didn't want to tell the cardiologist she was falling. People often won't say anything because they're afraid they'll be put in a care home or think it's just part of aging. But the physician or carer isn't going to know what's going on if you don't tell them. In the end, my mother did tell the doctor, but only because I told her to.

When should most of us start thinking about our fall risk?

Probably now. We always think our elderly neighbor is the only one prone to falling. But for most of us, we're at the top of our fitness, strength and balance up to age 30 and then everything in your body starts to decline. By the age of 50, we know the risk of falling starts to go up, especially for those who are sedentary or taking many medications.

A basic question, but why do older people typically fall in the first place?

For a healthy young person without any disabilities, it takes a major disturbance to trip and fall and land hard. But in older people, much smaller disturbances end in falls and injuries. Medications make them dizzy or arthritis makes their mobility worse or they're wearing inappropriate footwear or they have poor vision. A fall in an older person could also be a symptom of an underlying condition, such as cardiovascular disease, which should be evaluated.

You mentioned footwear and vision. Are there simple ways to reduce fall risk at home?

Don't have unnecessary hazards. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has checklists online for what to do around the house. Use nonslip footwear. Check the lighting. Drink enough fluids. Avoid alcohol. Don't stand up too quickly. Get your vision corrected if needed. Cataracts influence fall risk. But be careful with bifocals. If you wear them outside and need to climb stairs or step onto or off a curb, you usually look through the reading part of the lenses and don't have good depth perception. We know people who use regular glasses outside instead of bifocals fall less.

What about exercise?

Mobility is the most important treatable fall risk factor, and exercise is the best way to stay mobile. Work on your strength, work on your balance, and keep a good general level of fitness. Go for walks. There are also supervised exercise programs designed to help the elderly prevent falls. A really famous one is Otago [developed by the New Zealand Falls Prevention Research Group] or StrollSafe [developed at New York University]. But there are others. Ask at a local senior center. An older person should have a full physical assessment before joining any exercise program.

How can the rest of us exercise to prevent falls? What do you do?

I'm taking my own advice. Before, I mostly did strength exercises, like push-ups, but now I also do balance training in my morning routine. There are many ways to incorporate balance training into your day. Stand on one leg when you're brushing your teeth. I do that. It's a good one. Also practice getting up from the floor. Which is hard, by the way. And I need reading glasses now but won't get bifocals because I've seen so many people fall because of them.

What about wearables? I have a smartwatch that can alert someone if I fall. Is that a good idea?

Absolutely. If you're alone and fall, that's a way to get help. But we also know that after a first fall, especially with an injury, some people get really fearful about another, which can limit their social activities and what they do outside. That can have a big impact on their health and quality of life. A wearable can be a way to feel more secure about going out and doing things. It's also a way for carers to be less frightened. Because if I can give one piece of advice to carers, it's don't stop your loved one from moving about and doing things. The worst thing you can do is get them in that circle of inactivity, losing muscle strength, losing balance. Then their fall risk is even higher. Whatever your age, the key to avoiding falls is to stay active. Find something you enjoy doing, whether it's walking or cycling or whatever, and just keep doing it. Don't lose your strength and balance because getting them back is so much harder than keeping them.

It's also important to tell your physician what is important for you. There have been studies showing many older people say staying independent is more important to them than anything, even staying alive. Your physician should know what's important to you and your quality of life.

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Pregnant and postpartum women are more likely to face delayed diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer poses unique threat

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mendation involves chemotherapy and radiation *before* surgery. Preoperative treatment helps kill tumor cells and sterilize nearby blood vessels to limit the risk of regrowth postsurgery, You explained.

The problem is, chemotherapy is only recommended during the second or third trimester, and pelvic radiation is dangerous throughout pregnancy, Fakih said. So that can leave women diagnosed with late-stage CRC in the first trimester with the often emotionally and sometimes legally complicated (depending on where they live) decision of either ending the pregnancy to begin treatment, or delaying care and jeopardizing their health.

Later in pregnancy, it's possible to shift the sequence of care, Ng said, for instance starting with chemo, and then continuing postpartum with radiation and surgery. In some cases, women might also deliver early to more quickly begin treatment, You said.

Treatment postpartum can also take a different trajectory in those who'd like to have more children. Chemo could affect fertility, though mostly in women who are mid-30s or older, Fakih said. Pelvic radiation, however, causes sterility. So, some people might first opt to freeze eggs or embryos or have surgery to shift the ovaries up and out of the path of radiation.

Reducing your risk of colorectal cancer surrounding pregnancy

The same healthy habits that may limit CRC risk at any point — being physically active, eating a nutritious diet, limiting alcohol intake, not smoking — may be especially important to consider in the years before conceiving, Ng said. Being aware of family history is also key, as it might qualify you for earlier screening, perhaps even before pregnancy, she said.

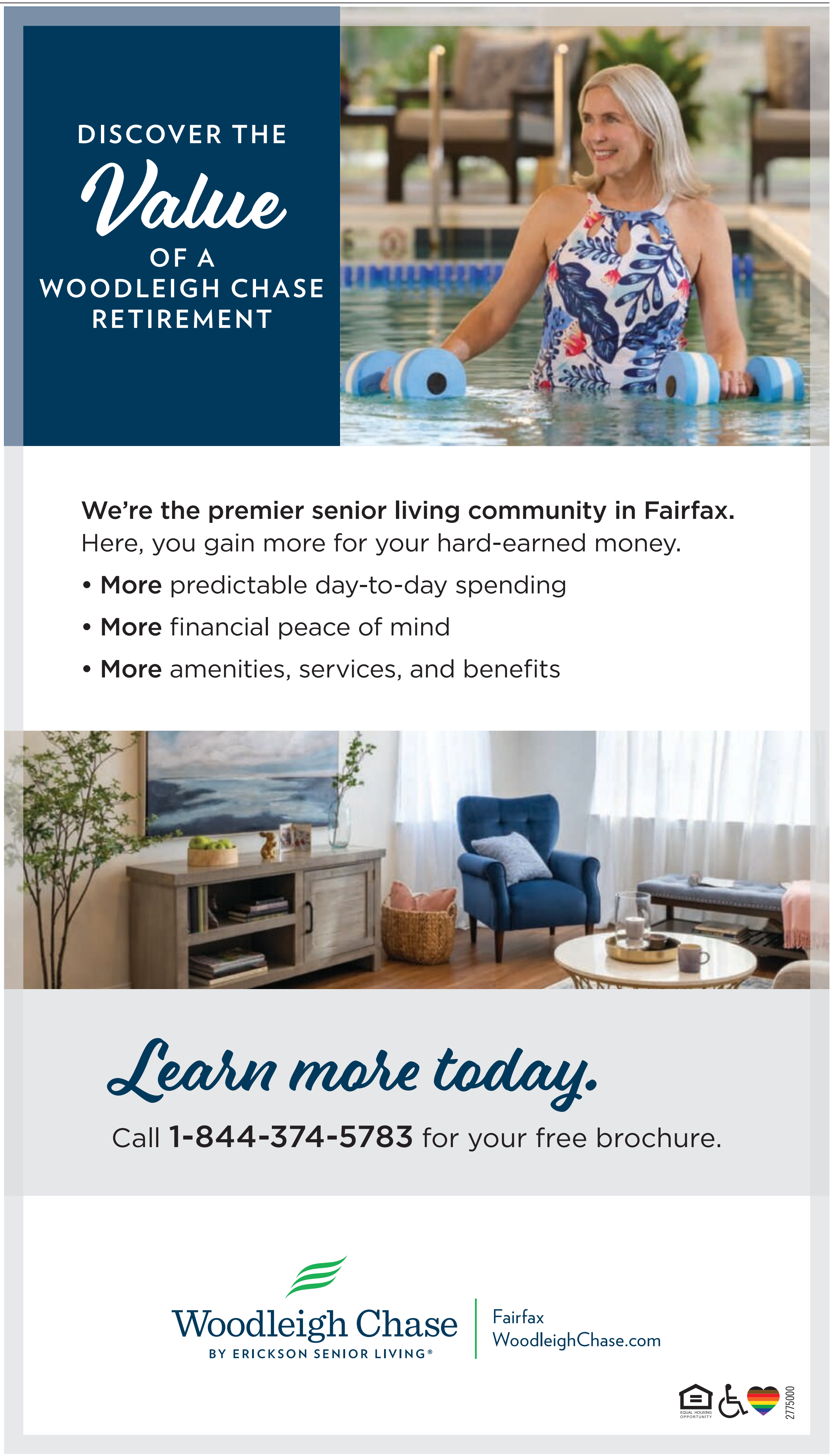
That said, many young CRC patients are healthy and do not have a family history. This makes it critical to surface any suspicious symptoms — such as bloody stools, bowel changes and belly pain — to your doctor, Ng said, even if they could be explained by pregnancy or postpartum. Be Seen, a nonprofit that Peters founded in the wake of her treatment, and the Colorectal Cancer Alliance offer resources on advocating for yourself and being taken seriously by your doctor.

The gold-standard test for CRC is a colonoscopy, which can be done safely in pregnancy but is reserved for scenarios of high suspicion because the anesthesia and procedure carry risks for the fetus, said David Greenwald, a gastroenterologist at Mount Sinai Health System.

Last summer, Collins had rectal surgery to remove a spot of recurrence. When she woke up, she found that a nurse had written "Asher's super mommy" on a piece of medical tape securing an ice pack. She feels so lucky, she said, to still be playing that role and to be an example for her son "of what it means to go through something really challenging and come out on the other side."

COURTESY OF MARISA PETERS

Marisa Peters in July 2021 during a chemo infusion. Her doctor confused her rectal cancer symptoms for postpartum symptoms.



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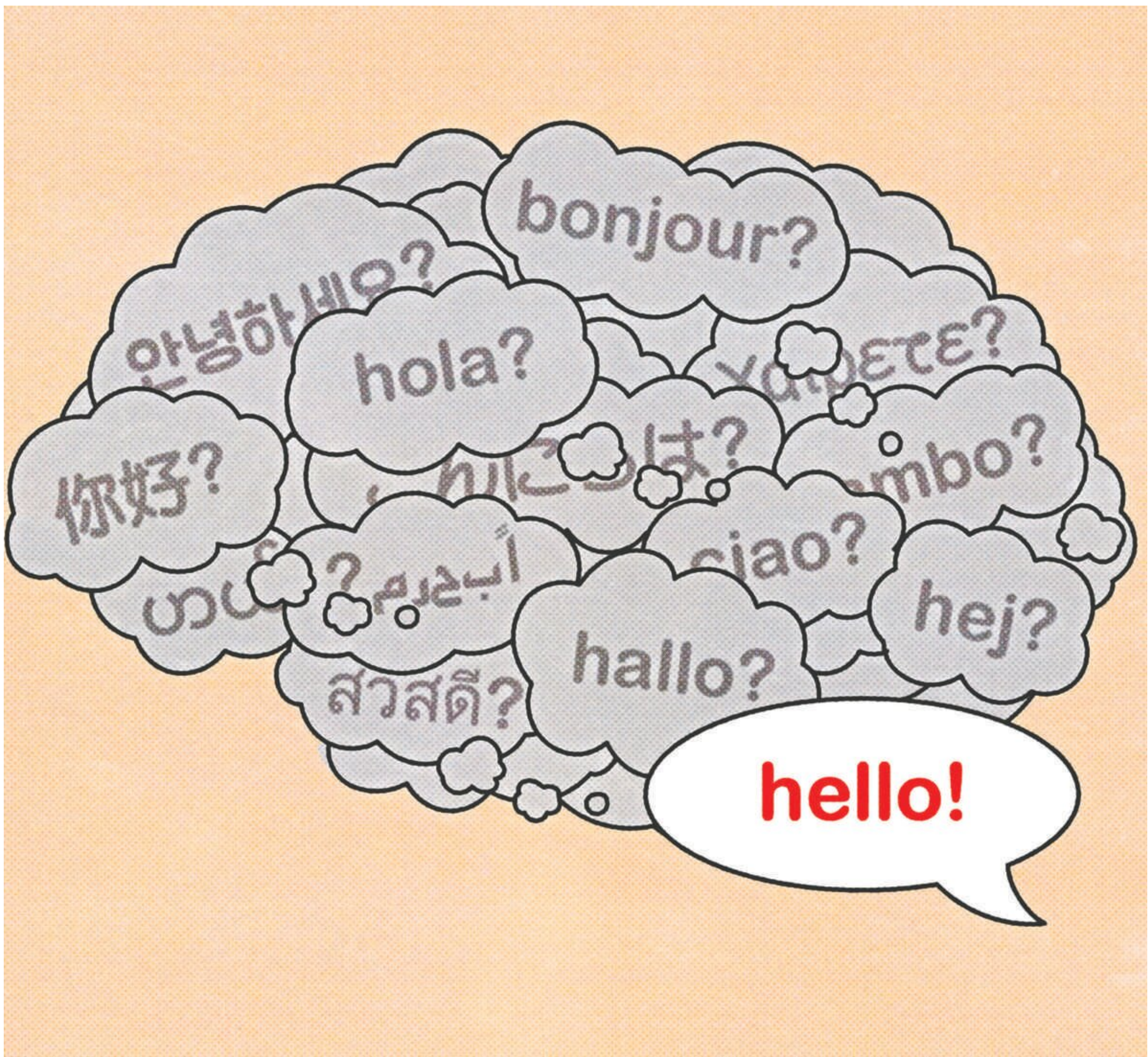
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"And learning a language is hard, and that makes it worthwhile."

How languages change the brain

If you know several languages, your brain has them "on" all the time, even when you aren't speaking them.

For people who are bilingual, there are cortical areas in the brain's language network that respond to both languages. But within that large area, there are specific regions that respond to only one language, said Lucia Amoruso, deputy scientific director and leader of the group of neurobiology of language at the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language in Spain.

While you speak or listen in one language, "the other language is also active in your brain. It's not sleeping," said Amoruso, who noted that she needed to suppress Spanish, her first language, as she responded in English. (Amoruso also speaks French and Italian from living in different European countries throughout her career.)

As a result, multilingual brains are constantly monitoring what they're hearing and saying, assessing for the languages they know.

"There is no language switch," Bialystok said.

That's why people who speak several languages may be better at controlling their attention, focusing on what is relevant and ignoring distracting information, research shows.

This monitoring occurs very early in life. Seven-month-old infants growing up in bilingual households can already tell when languages switch. They also perform better on certain attention tests than infants living in monolingual households.

The constant challenge of paying attention, distinguishing and deciding what language to use — and not use — seems to train the brain, building more resilience.

"You get a brain that has been exposed to this more complex linguistic environment and develop the attentional resources or whatever it needs to cope," Bialystok said. "And so, as life goes on and brain stuff happens, it's more resilient."

A more efficient brain

In one study, Bialystok and her colleagues used EEGs to measure brain electrical activity in people who speak two languages compared with those who speak one. They found that bilingual people had overall less, but more focused, activity at rest.

Other research finds a similar pattern when multilingual people are given simple attention tests: They had less brain activation compared with monolingual people performing the same tasks, suggesting that knowing more languages made their brains more efficient.

"The electrophysiological activity in the bilinguals' brains is less active, less bothered. It's easier. You don't have to ramp up as much to get to the same level. So there's something about this that speaks to efficiency," Bialystok said.

Increased brain efficiency — an improvement in functionality — is important in aging, especially if there are pathological changes that can cause conditions such as Alzheimer's disease. A more efficient brain could keep working longer despite the slowdowns that come with age or disease, she said.

At the same time, knowing another language seems to keep different brain networks distinct and specialized. These networks are made up of different, tightly connected brain regions that work together on certain functions. With aging, "the boundaries between your brain networks start to blur," Amoruso said.

There may be a mechanism in "multilingualism that is maintaining your brain network segregated," she said. "So it's a way to fight against cognitive decline that is present and is normal in aging."

Brains that look 'younger'

Researchers had evidence that speaking more than one language can make your brain more efficient. But could it also make your brain younger?

To find out, Amoruso and her colleagues trained machine learning models with imaging and biological data from more than 86,000 people.

In the study, published last year in Nature Aging, they found that, across 27 European countries, countries with more spoken languages were associated with slower brain aging. There was a dose-response, meaning that "the more languages you speak, the stronger the protection or the more youthful your neurocognitive profile looks like," Amoruso said.

Speaking just one language, on the other hand, was linked to about double the risk of accelerated aging.

However, this research analyzed differences across countries, not people. So in a follow-up study, Amoruso and her colleagues created brain-age clocks using electrical brain activity data from 728 people. The research, recently presented at the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies conference but not yet peer-reviewed, found that people who spoke two or three languages had brains that looked six years younger. Those who spoke four had brains that looked 13 years younger.

Interestingly, the more similar the languages someone knows, the larger the brain protection they get, potentially because the brain needs to work harder to distinguish and switch between them, Amoruso said.

The link between languages and dementia

Knowing more languages seems to increase cognitive reserve, which is the brain's ability to adapt and compensate despite age- or disease-related biological changes.

People who are bilingual have more delayed dementia diagnoses compared with people who speak one language, and they are able to function longer even if they have advanced Alzheimer's pathology, research shows.

"You get like four or five years where they're functional. And their brains look like Alzheimer's brains, but clinically it's not interfering with their functionality," said Bialystok, who wrote a 2021 review on how bilingualism contributes to increased cognitive reserve.

How to learn a new language

Learning a new language has many benefits in addition to cognitive ones, even if you don't become fluent.

"It allows you to speak to people you might not have been able to speak to, or travel to places you might have been resistant," Bialystok said. "So it's an opening experience, not a closing experience."

It's also never too late to start. Some research suggests that learning languages later in life can improve memory and cognitive flexibility.

The level of cognitive boost goes hand-in-hand with the work you put into it. "My view is the longer the better, the more intense the better," Bialystok said. "The more proficient the better."

There is no single approach to language learning. You can more formally study in a class or through an app, such as Duolingo or Rosetta Stone. Websites such as Italki and Verbling can help connect you with online tutors. These lessons can be accompanied by watching shows or listening to music in that language, which will help you be more familiar with the sounds.

But the key to language is using it, Bialystok said in an email. "I think an approach that includes a component of conversation, especially interactions with a native speaker, is most effective."

His surgery was $23,000. After shopping around, he paid less than $5,000.

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list of hospitals and surgical centers to consider. Rangel has a PhD in management, a field he pursued while serving in the navy in Venezuela. So armed with that knowledge and a naturally inquisitive mind, he began researching prices.

His efforts paid off when the bill came.

The medical service

Rangel had what is called an inguinal hernia, which occurs when the contents of the abdomen bulge through a weak spot in the lower abdominal wall. The condition is relatively common, particularly among older adults.

In most cases, surgery is required to fix the muscle wall and can be performed as an outpatient procedure. There are three main surgical approaches to repair an inguinal hernia: open, laparoscopic and robot-assisted. Studies have shown that the three approaches have similarly low rates of hernia recurrence and are safe and effective.

Rangel underwent an open repair, an approach often preferred by physicians for recurrent hernias. He said his operation lasted less than two hours, and he walked out of the surgical center shortly afterward.

The bill

$2,900: The flat rate Rangel ultimately paid for his hernia repair at an outpatient surgery center in Maryland, including the surgeon's fee and anesthesia. He said he also paid around $1,800 to travel to the surgery center from his home in Maine, including airfare, meals and lodging for him and his wife.

The billing problem: No insurance — but time to shop

Because Rangel did not have insurance, he had no protections from high costs — except time and his ability to shop for an acceptable price for his procedure.

Rangel's first stop was a nonprofit hospital close to home. He scheduled a consultation with a surgeon with MaineHealth, the state's largest health system, and received an estimate showing it would cost approximately $23,000 to repair his hernia laparoscopically.

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Ronmel Rangel, now 64, began researching prices when hernia surgery became unavoidable. "I wasn't going to mortgage my life just to have surgery and spend the next 30 years paying off the debt," he said.

Laparoscopic procedures generally cost more because surgeons use more advanced tools. Still, the average laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair costs nearly twice as much at a hospital as it does at an ambulatory surgery center for a patient covered by Medicare, which pays $5,280 for the hospital-based option.

"I wasn't going to mortgage my life just to have surgery and spend the next 30 years paying off the debt," said Rangel, now 64.

So, he kept shopping. He considered a surgical center in Oklahoma that was far cheaper, but he ultimately ruled it out because it was so far away. He also explored traveling to Universidad de los Andes in Santiago, Chile, where another of his daughters lives. There, his hernia repair would have cost about $7,000, but once he added thousands of dollars in travel expenses, that option no longer made financial sense.

Gerard Anderson, a professor who analyzes health care spending at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, said patients without health insurance are often the ones hit hardest by wide price variations.

A closer look at any hospital bill helps explain why. "Every hospital is different," he said, "but generally about half of the total charge is the facility fee," a charge added to hospital care to help cover overhead costs.

Anderson said hospitals often mark up prices far more than smaller facilities do.

Medical billing researchers say the price gap between hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers partially reflects the higher overhead costs of operating a hospital.

Hagopian, Rangel's physician, acknowledged that hospitals have higher administrative expenses. "But that doesn't explain the high costs."

MaineHealth declined to comment, directing questions about the hospital-based procedure's cost to Jeffrey Austin, president of the Maine Hospital Association.

Austin said that, unlike surgery centers, hospitals must absorb the costs of providing "money-losing" services, such as behavioral health care and care for Medicaid patients. He added that revenue generated by large hospitals in a health system supports other facilities, improving access to care.

Hospital prices, which can vary widely, are also driven by negotiations with insurers and market concentration. For uninsured patients, those list prices can become the starting point for negotiations — or the full amount owed.

Anderson noted that standardized payment rates exist for Medicare and Medicaid but not for most privately priced medical services. "In the private sector, providers can charge whatever they want."

The resolution

Rangel has another daughter in Argentina, a son in Venezuela and other family in Spain. But he decided to stop looking around the globe for a good price, because he finally found what he was looking for in Maryland.

In April, he traveled to the Affordable Hernia Surgery center in Rockville, where he said "an efficient, well-coordinated system" guided him through the entire process.

"I received professional and very human care," Rangel said. He was fully recovered within two weeks, as his surgeon predicted, he said.

The surgery center charged Rangel a flat fee for his hernia repair. The added travel expenses for the two-day trip with his wife went toward airline tickets, transportation, meals and one night in a hotel.

Rangel said he paid about $4,700 total.

Alan Kravitz, the surgeon who performed Rangel's operation, said the price difference uninsured patients face compared with insured patients is far from fair. "In the predatory and strategic world of U.S. health care pricing, uninsured patients generally get charged more than providers would accept from Medicare or commercial insurance."

Kravitz then pulled out an estimate another patient had received for an inguinal hernia repair from a different large health system. The price: $37,000.

The takeaway

Without insurance, many patients are on their own to negotiate.

"With the help of their primary physicians, patients can dig into prices and compare their options to avoid falling into medical debt," Rangel said.

That approach, however, is most feasible for elective procedures with several surgical options offering comparable outcomes.

Patients facing medical emergencies do not have the luxury of comparing prices before seeking care, though many hospitals offer cash-pay discounts or charity care for those paying without insurance.

Billing analysts say patients who do have time to shop should look beyond cost alone. They recommend checking the quality of hospitals and surgical centers by reviewing publicly available ratings and patient reviews. Research has found that higher prices do not necessarily translate into a better quality of care, but it's also important to select a reputable care provider.

Comparison shopping for medical care can be time-consuming. But for patients facing elective procedures, the effort can pay off — sometimes saving thousands of dollars.

"This was a learning experience for me," Rangel said, "and I hope it will be for other people, too."

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